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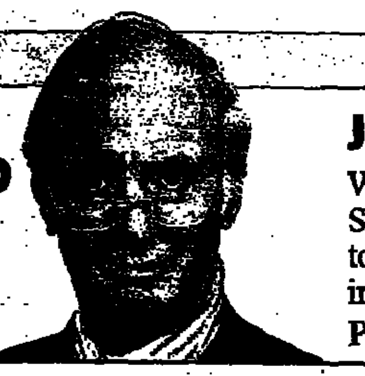

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THE NEW KENNEDY GLAMOUR

Job agency boss joins ranks of Labour's big business donors

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

THE chairman of Reed Executive, the employment agency, was named last night as the Labour party's latest big business donor.

Labour officials told *The Times* that Alec Reed was giving the party £100,000, lifting to £6 million the total it has raised in individual gifts from business people.

Greg Dyke, chief executive of Pearson Television, and Lord Hollick, chief executive of United News and Media, which owns the *Daily Express*, were also named as donors, both of them giving between £25,000 and £50,000.

Mr Blair will today press John Major yet again to refer the issue of party funding to the Nolan committee on standards in public life.

Labour officials revealed the donations hours after John Major had spoken of the "secret fund" that was being used to fund Mr Blair's private office. It was confirmed last weekend that Mr Blair had received up to £500,000 through a "blind trust" and did not know the donors.

Mr Major said: "They call for openness in funding but have secret funds themselves. I wonder what the parliamentary word for that behaviour is."

But Labour party officials said that it was determined to be open over where its funds were coming from, and were trying to force the Conservatives to do the same.

Professor Reed said last night: "New Labour is firmly in the centre ground, speaking up for the things that matter to the British public. I think Tony Blair is an exceptional leader who has brought hope back to British politics. Given the huge sums the Tories have for their negative campaigning I am doing my bit to help Labour fight back and put the positive vision the country longs for."

Professor Reed's donation is the one of the largest so far announced. It follows the £1m pledged by the late Matthew Harding, vice-chairman of Chelsea football club, who died last month in a helicopter accident, and Bob Gavron, the publishing millionnaire, who donated £500,000. Paul Hamlyn, the publisher, gave £600,000.

Labour is planning to publish all the donations it has received over £5,000 next year but it is to announce them gradually, hoping each time to add to the pressure on the Government.

The money has been raised mainly by a new election fund campaign committee which includes members such as Mr Gavron, Lord Attenborough, the film maker, Michael Levy, head of a music publishing group, and Tom Sawyer, general secretary of the party.

They are backed by a new party business committee which includes members such as Christopher Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods, Geoffrey Robinson, MP for Coventry NorthWest and the former chief executive of Jaguar Cars, Professor Reed and Sir David Puttnam, the film producer.

Mr Harding would have served on the committee and had already made several introductions to Labour.

Labour officials said that Mr Blair had been advised that those backing his private office should stay anonymous although he would have been happy for them to be named.

Major faces revolt over EU debate

By Philip Webster, Political Editor, and Andrew Pierce

JOHN MAJOR was last night facing one of the biggest European revolts of his premiership as pro-Europeans united with Euro-sceptics to protest against his refusal to allow a Commons debate on the single currency.

Leaders of the backbench 1922 Committee were seeking an early meeting with the Prime Minister after he and Tony Newton, the Commons leader, resisted demands for a full-scale discussion on three directives relating to economic and monetary union (EMU).

In the Commons, Mr Major was openly contradicted by his own side as he claimed that the regulations had already been given "detailed scrutiny" in a rowdy committee session on Wednesday. Both Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown tried to twist the knife and last night Mr Blair wrote to Mr Major telling him that he must not "cheat" the House of a proper discussion.

Later a private meeting of the 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers delivered what MPs called a "unanimous and uncompromising" message to Mr Major that he must change his mind.

Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the committee, and two other officers were asked by the executive of the committee to seek an urgent meeting with Mr Major to convey the full weight of backbench anger. Unusually, they were asked to see him last night.

The Prime Minister was reported to be in no mood to back down. Conservative sources said last night that Mr Major would be seeing Sir Marcus next week. Sources said: "He will be happy to listen to what the chairman has to say, but for the moment there is nothing to add to what was said this afternoon."

The Times understands that several Cabinet ministers were in favour of allowing a separate Commons debate on EMU before the meeting of European finance ministers on December 2. But they were over-ruled by the Prime Minister and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

Mr Blair echoed the view of Tory Euro-sceptics that Mr Major was refusing the debate because he did not want to expose the pro-European Mr Clarke to sensitive questions in the Commons on the single currency. He said: "In view of the extraordinary importance of the European reports on a single currency — matters which may be decided by ministers in December — would you agree on reflection that it would be quite monstrous to deny this House a chance to debate, in full, those reports?"

As Tory Euro-sceptics such as John Redwood shook their heads, Mr Major insisted: "There was detailed scrutiny in the standing committee. In due course we will be tabling the appropriate motion. No final decisions are taken at the meeting of finance ministers."

Mr Blair replied: "Wouldn't you be a good deal more honest if you simply stood at that despatch box and said you are afraid to have the Chancellor stand and debate these issues?"

Mr Major retorted: "Anyone who thinks Mr Clarke isn't willing, able and competent to debate with you or anyone on any subject, simply doesn't know him."

It is understood that Mr Clarke assured other ministers yesterday that there was no likelihood of any legislative decisions on single currency preparations being taken at the finance ministers meeting and that MPs would therefore have ample opportunity to discuss the issue at a planned Commons debate on Europe before the Dublin summit.

But this line was unacceptable to most Tory MPs who want a separate opportunity to debate, and if possible vote upon, detailed issues surrounding the preparation for a single currency.

In the Commons, Mr Major was contradicted by David Heathcoat-Amory, the former minister who resigned over Europe. The MP had been present at the Commons Standing Committee B which looked at the regulations on Wednesday and he told Mr Major, to cheers from his colleagues, that there had been "no proper scrutiny".

The Government has to table a motion stating that the

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SIMON WALKER

Jemima Khan, wife of the former Pakistan cricketer turned politician, leaving Portland Hospital in London yesterday with their first baby, a boy named Sulaiman Isa

More children from better off homes expelled

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

THE growing ranks of expelled pupils are being swelled by disruptive children from middle-class backgrounds who lack fathers as role models, Ofsted, the school inspection agency, said yesterday.

Government figures confirmed yesterday that expulsions have more than tripled since 1990, with 11,084 children banned from their schools in 1994-95.

David Moore, a senior inspector with Ofsted, said that schools in affluent areas were increasingly banning children. Research showed that those involved often had fathers absent either through work commitments or marital breakdown.

Mr Moore was speaking at the launch of an Ofsted study which said that some schools were too ready to expel and blamed boring lessons for encouraging disruptive behaviour. His findings echoed warnings from independent school heads that "opulent neglect" was causing a wave of unruly behaviour in exclusive schools.

Tony Evans, chairman of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference of leading independent schools, spoke this year about the danger to classroom order posed by parents too busy with their careers to care for their children. Mr Evans stirred national debate on family life when he said that schools were having to cope with the emotional crises of children whose parents were too busy to talk to them.

Inspectors from Ofsted visited 39 schools for the report and found a common pattern of pupils misbehaving where the father was missing as a role model. "It puts a lot of pressure on the mother." Mr

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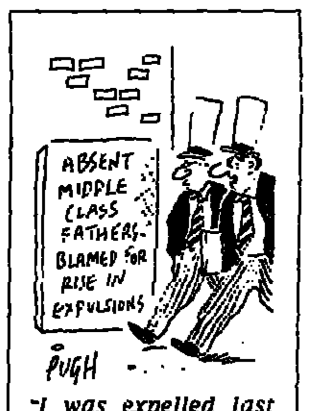

ABSENT MIDDLE CLASS FATHERS BLAMED FOR RISE IN EXPULSIONS
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"I was expelled last year, but I'm still waiting for my dad to come and collect me"

Top cartoonist

The Times cartoonist Peter Brookes has been named best political cartoonist of the year in the 1996 Cartoon Trust awards. Mr Brookes also works for *The Spectator*.

Briton escapes

Christopher Howes, a British mine-clearance expert, is said to have escaped from Khmer Rouge guerrillas. He had been presumed dead...Page 2

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Widow is barred from taking sperm abroad

By Emma Wilkins and Kathryn Knight

DIANE BLOOD, the widow who fought a court battle for the right to use her dead husband's sperm to conceive, was distraught last night after being told she would not be able to take the sperm abroad for artificial insemination.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority decided that Mrs Blood, 30, should not be allowed to travel to the Continent to receive fertility treatment.

Mrs Blood, whose husband Stephen died 18 months ago of bacterial meningitis, had spoken of her optimism after the authority said it was going to review the issue at the end of October.

However, last night her father Michael McMahon said the Human Embryology had contacted them with their final decision. "Diane is extremely upset, very disappointed and outraged at the way the authority has behaved. Even though she was trying not to be too optimistic, inevitably she had her hopes up high — they have just been dashed.

"Her mother is with her now, trying to comfort her and tell her that it's not the end but she is obviously in a very emotional state.

"The authority have not even given any of their reasons for turning her down and we think that is especially outrageous," he added.

Mrs Blood: optimism after court failure

The fight will now go to the Court of Appeal, he said.

The authority is bound by the 1990 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act to disallow the use of sperm in Britain unless the donor has given his written consent. However, in cases where sperm is to be exported or imported, it has discretionary powers.

The authority decided last month to reconsider Mrs Blood's case after considerable media coverage of her plight. After the High Court turned down her application, Baroness Warnock and Lord Winston, both fertility experts, spoke out in Mrs Blood's support.

The authority, which called a press conference last night, abandoned its plans when a spokeswoman discovered that Mrs Blood had not yet been informed of its decision.

Channel fire boosts fortunes of Dover

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

THE closure of the Channel Tunnel has brought a return to the boom times for Dover with record numbers of cars and lorries bound for France pouring into the struggling Kent port yesterday.

As Eurotunnel admitted that two of its three main safety systems failed during Monday's fire, the tunnel remained barred to all traffic except a few freight trains — 36 compared to 300 car, freight and Eurostar passenger services on a normal day.

In a reversal of fortunes, the port of Dover, which has seen almost half its business lost to the tunnel in the past two years, reported handling an all-time record of 5,484 lorries yesterday.

Passenger numbers have also leaped by more than 50 per cent since Monday's blaze. In total, ferries to and from Dover carried 44,734 passengers, 8,889 cars and 302 coaches.

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TIMES EUROSTAR TICKET OFFER

Eurostar said yesterday that it would honour all valid free ticket applications made under the current *Times* offer despite the temporary suspension of services caused by the closure of the Channel Tunnel. In addition, Eurostar has agreed to extend the time the offer can be taken up by four months to August 31, 1997. As the authorities have not yet announced the reopening of the tunnel for Eurostar sevices it is possible that availability of travel on free tickets before Christmas may be affected. Readers should continue to apply for tickets as previously announced. Full travel details will be included in the packs which will be sent with the ticket voucher.

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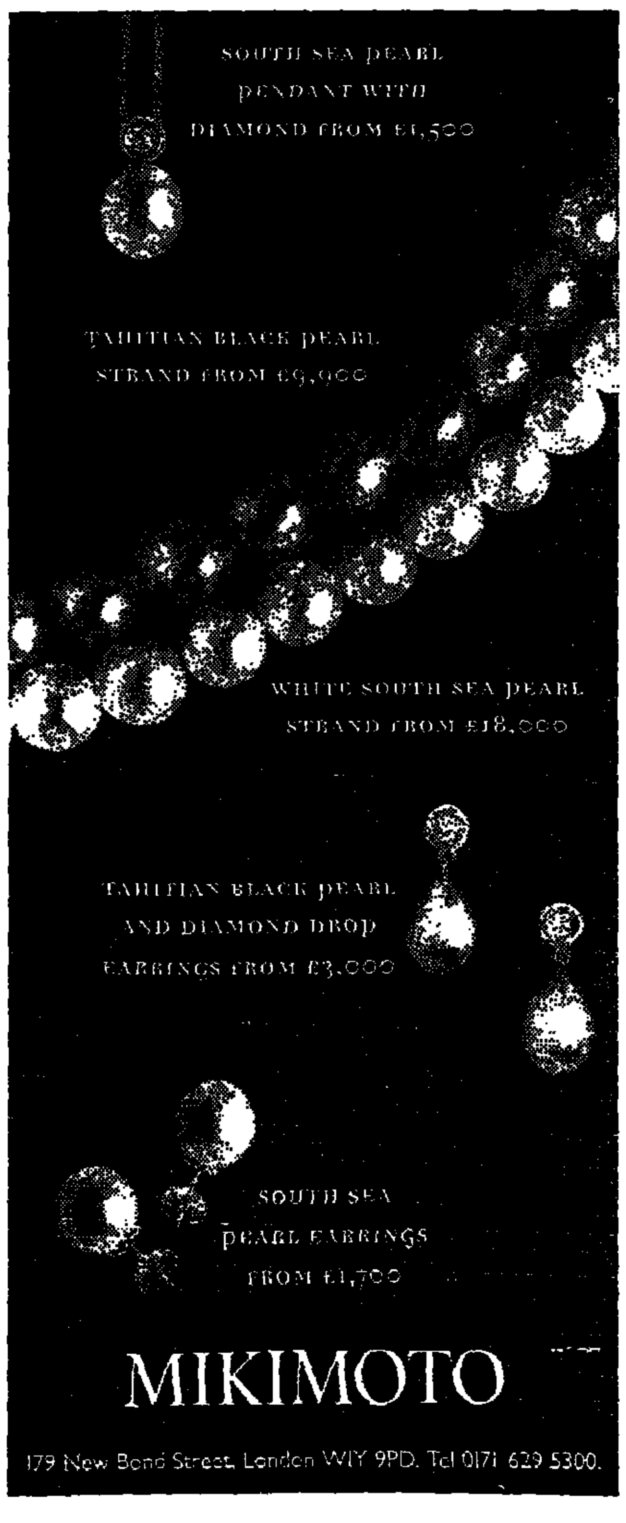

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Demons gloat as ill winds blow no good for skipper

Gardiner: bad omen

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Describing Wednesday's Commons proceedings, this sketch reported the appearance in the Commons chamber of an omen, and a sinister one: Sir George Gardiner (C, Reigate), a thin smile upon his lips, standing at the Bar of the House. We noted that when trouble for the Tories was brewing, Sir George was seldom far away.Yesterday the omens multiplied.

Three or four benches back from the front bench, below the gangway and somewhat to its end, lies the epicentre of an invisible zone. No more than six yards square, it is a zone of menace for Tory Cabinets: a vortex of the forces of mutiny.

It was from here that Geoffrey Howe launched his fatal attack on Margaret Thatcher; from here that Thatcher took aim at her successor's Maastricht agreement; from here that Norman Lamont described John Major as "in office but not in power". The ghosts of such occasions still inhabit those benches. As unmarked on formal Parliamentary maps as the Bermuda Triangle is unmarked on navigational charts, this small patch of green leather radiates spirals of stress, anger and treachery.

Positioned just off-centre in the Commons Triangle for Prime Minister's Questions yesterday, was John Redwood. Pallid and unblinking, his silent presence was enough. It will have chilled Majorites as might the appearance of a death's head in their midst. And there was worse. In the Peers' Gallery above, the gaunt features of Norman Tebbit leered down like some malign gargoyle, gleeful witness to their discomfiture. Lord Tebbit had come for the fun — and to be seen there.

An observer who was profoundly deaf could have read the scene as accurately as we who could hear. What we heard was Tony Blair seizing the advantage and forcing the Prime Minister into an awkward defence of the Cabinet's decision not to allow a debate on the European Monetary proposals.

The subject may be arcane — the exchanges difficult (in cold print) to weigh — but there was no mistaking Tory backbench anger, or ministerial embarrassment.

If meteorologists could weather-map political trouble, this morning's charts would show an area of intense pressure situated, not over the Azores, but over the Commons Triangle. Puffing an ill wind from the top right corner, like those cherubim on antique maps, would be the pursed cheeks of Lord Tebbit. The sea monsters such maps show would bear the faces of prominent Tory Eurosceptics, cruising around the Prime Minister.

In a small boat, storm-tossed but still afloat, John Major and his Chief Whip would peer anxiously over the sides.

For Mr Major, respite from the storm came near the end of PM's Questions when, in riposte to Labour's John McAllion (Dundee E), who had been unwise enough to raise the subject of fat-cat funding of political parties, Majór lashed back with angry eloquence at the "blind trust" which funded the Labour Leader's office.

The Tories cheered lustily. Thus the Prime Minister rescued himself in the final round. Just when Major seems to be sunk, a fair wind and a flash of sunshine saves him. Just when he seems to be sailing free another hurricane strikes. His torment, prolonged for their private amusement by the gods of politics, has endured so long now that rescue, when it comes, comes almost as an act of cruelty. One begins to wonder whether the gods could be preparing their most extraordinary intervention yet, next May.

Major faces revolt by MPs

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regulations have been taken note of before, technically, Mr Major can agree to anything in Dublin. MPs cannot debate the motion but could vote it down, and many were last night vowing to do so. The Government can be expected to table the motion late at night, probably on a Thursday, so it can be voted through on a quiet Friday.

At least 60 MPs crowded into the 1922 Committee meeting. Christopher Gill, the Euro-sceptic MP for Ludlow, was cheered when he declared: "Right-wing Mps are at breaking point in terms of support for the Government."

The latest controversy comes only days after Mr Major infuriated backbenchers who have traditionally been loyal by refusing to give them the same free vote which Labour MPs enjoyed on the Firearms Bill.

John Wilkinson, one of the eight Tory Euro-rebels once stripped of the whip, said: "I now comprehend the rage that filled the breasts of the parliamentarians in the Civil War in this country and of the colonies in the American revolutionary war — because the issue at stake in both occasions was an abuse of executive power."

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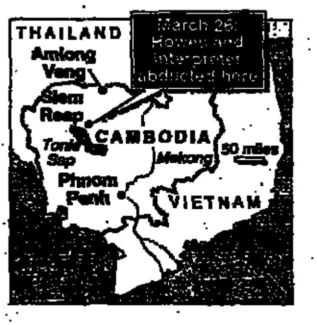
Mines expert flees his Khmer Rouge captors

From Andrew Drummond in Bangkok
and Huw Watkins in Phnom Penh

A BRITISH mine clearance expert was yesterday reported to be fit and well after fleeing eight months' captivity with Khmer Rouge guerrillas. Christopher Howes, who was earlier reported to have been killed, was said by a Cambodian Army general to be fine "but very thin".

The former army corporal from Bristol is believed to be sheltering with Cambodian troops in the central province of Kompong Thom, in an area previously controlled by Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge leader. Huon Hoerth, a Cambodian described as Mr Howes' companion and interpreter, was reported to be with him.

General Nhek Bun Chhay, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Cambodian Army, said that both would fly to the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh, today. The two men, members of the British-based Mines Advisory Group, reached Anlong Kranh village in the company of Khmer Rouge guards and defectors, the general said.



"There were 151 separatists led by a division commander, including Howes' 11 guards," he said. "They helped him escape. It took a long time because there were problems in travelling. I spoke to him today by radio and he said he is very well but very thin."

Mr Howes' father, Roy, 68, said: "I am very happy about what we have heard, but we will treat it with great caution." Mr Howes, who travelled to London with his wife Betty yesterday, said he was now too old a soldier to be taken in by rumours: "Until we hear it from the Foreign Office we shall unhappily regard it as rumour."

His son was assisting the Cambodians in clearing millions of landmines left after protracted civil wars involving the Khmer Rouge. He and his interpreter were abducted close to the Angkor Wat temple complex, a remote tourist attraction, in March.

After his capture Mr Howes declined an invitation by the Khmer Rouge to go free to collect a ransom they had demanded, preferring instead to remain with his 28 colleagues. As a result all 28 were released while Mr Howes and Mr Hoerth were kept as hostages.

In August, the *Bangkok Post* said Mr Howes had been executed and that Mr Hoerth had died of malaria in July.

Friends and family of Mr Howes spoke yesterday of the leadership qualities of the Falklands veteran. Fiona Talcott, MAG's southeast Asia desk officer, said Mr Howes was a valued and well-respected member of its Cambodian team who trained local Cambodian staff to identify and dispose of the wide variety of mines that litter the Cambodian countryside.

Some Cambodian army reports suggested that Mr Howes was being forced to apply his explosive expertise in making bombs and mines for the Khmer Rouge.

Mr Howes' capacity for leadership and endurance was clear from an early age, according to a scout leader who knew him in his school years in Nailsea, north Somerset.

Phil Siggins, Scout leader of 1st Nailsea Troop in the early 1970s, said he was an enthusiastic boy who, aged 15, completed the 35-mile Ten Tours army yomp across Dartmoor: "I also remember him for keeping a very cool head when one of the troop fell off a rope, knocking himself unconscious. Christopher remembered how to summon help by blowing out an SOS call on a whistle and the boy was quickly taken to hospital."

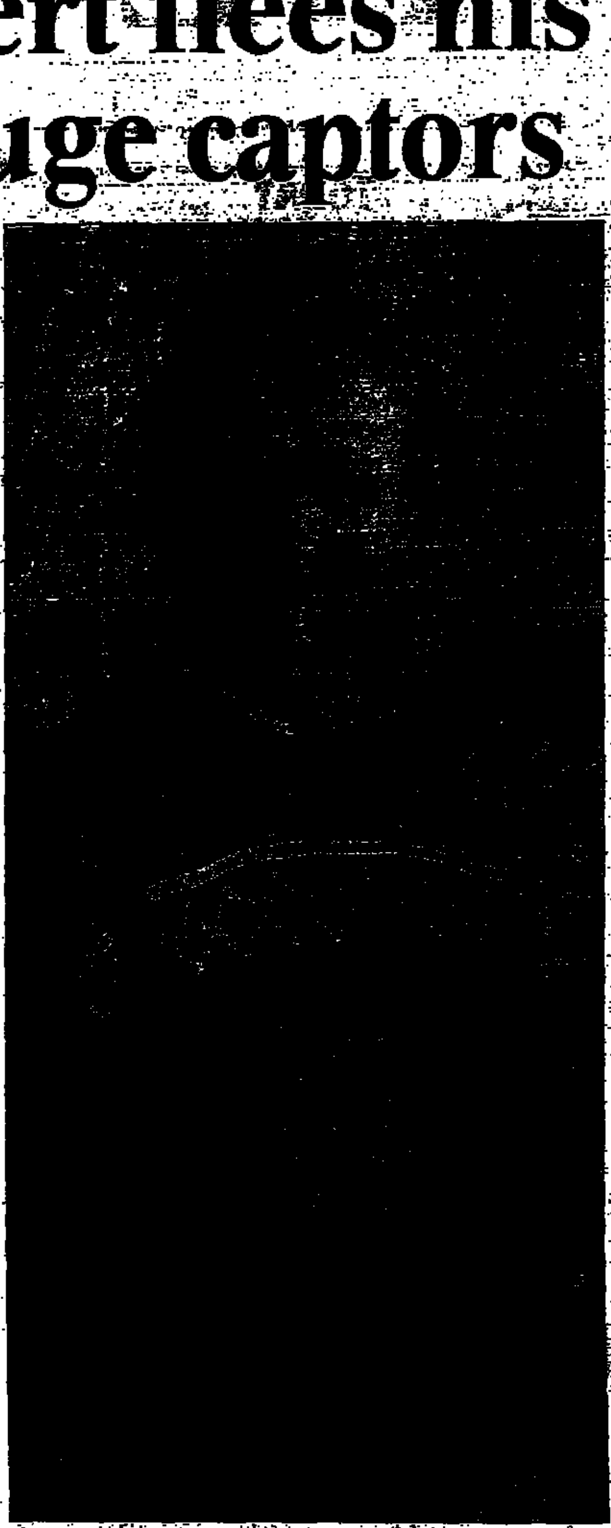
Mr Siggins, 68, who is a close friend of the Howes family, said everyone had rallied round Chrisopher's parents in recent months. The couple had made several appeals, begging their son's captors to set their minds at rest.

Mr Howes trained in bomb disposal with 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) in the late 1970s. He spent seven years with the corps doing operational tours in Germany, Belize, Northern Ireland and the Falkland Islands.

After working in the quarrying industry Mr Howes found a peaceable application for his military skills when he joined the Mines Advisory Group in 1993. He worked clearing mines and training civilian personnel in Kurdistan and Northern Iraq before being sent to Cambodia in Novmeber 1995 as a technical adviser.

It was in Kurdistan that he reportedly earned the name "Nine Dogs Howes" for his skills with a sniper's rifle seeing off feral dogs. He was described by colleagues as a cool-headed individual.

Additional reporting by Peter Foster



Christopher Howe before he was seized. His parents said they wanted confirmation before believing he was free

Hospital waiting list grows longer

The number of patients waiting for more than a year for NHS treatment has risen almost 50 per cent in three months as hospitals cut back on non-urgent cases to balance their books. At the end of September, 15,000 people had waited more than a year, compared with 10,374 at the end of June. Last March the figure was 4,574. However, it is still lower than in September last year, when the total was 27,900. The total number on waiting lists has also risen slightly by 0.4 per cent to 1,060,200, and is now 2 per cent higher than a year ago.

Jobs campaign

A campaign to restore the rights of Irish and Commonwealth nationals to work in key public service jobs has been mounted by civil service unions. Since June new recruits with Irish or Commonwealth passports may not hold posts "deemed to require an allegiance to the Crown".

Benefit extended

Hundreds of workers affected by the asbestos-related cancer mesothelioma yesterday won the right to £100-a-week industrial injuries benefit. Thousands of miners who suffered respiratory illness caused by inhaling dust and fumes underground will also be awarded £50 a week.

Millennium fillip

The Millennium Exhibition in Greenwich, southeast London, received a significant boost with the announcement that the Government is buying the derelict site on which the millennium dome will be built. The polluted peninsula is being bought from British Gas for £20 million.

Pit fee attacked

The terms of a £2.5 million "success fee" for N. M. Rothschild and Sons for advising on the sale of coal mines were fixed after some stages had been successfully completed, the Commons Public Accounts Committee reported. Such terms should be fixed in advance in future, it said.

Council fined

Camden Council in north London was fined £44,000 with £11,500 in costs at Clerkenwell Magistrates' Court yesterday for offences that could have killed 150 tenants from gas fumes. The council failed to ensure that flues and installations to 200 gas fires were inspected.

Stones succeed

The German magazine *Der Spiegel* has agreed to publish a correction to an allegation that the Rolling Stones mimed some of the songs during their Voodoo Lounge world tour, Walter Scheuerl, a lawyer for the group, said. In return the Stones have agreed not to claim damages.

Car premiums up

The average motorist could be paying up to £30 more on a £350 car insurance policy in the new year because of increasing claims and an increase in tax. Young drivers and those in professions considered high risk could face even greater increases in their premiums.

Bird degree

The veteran cricket umpire Dickie Bird finally received an honorary doctorate from Sheffield Hallam University after snow had stopped play. The presentation, at Sheffield City Hall, took place after freak storms earlier this week had caused the cancellation of the original ceremony.

Toilet auction

A two-day auction of treasure recovered from the wreck of the Royal Mail steamer *Douro* ended with the sale of the ship's lavatory. It went for £495, bringing to £1,508,200 the total sale proceeds. The *Douro* sank in the Bay of Biscay in 1882 with the loss of 17 lives.

Terrorist bomb is defused in Ulster

By Nicholas Watt

ARMY bomb disposal experts yesterday defused a 600lb car bomb planted by republican terrorists outside the main RUC station in the centre of Londonderry.

Troops acted after the "Continuity Army Council" of the IRA, a splinter terrorist group, issued bomb warnings to radio stations and local newspapers on both sides of the Irish border just after 11.30am.

A caller, who did not use a codeword, said that a 600lb bomb had been packed into the boot of a Renault 11 car outside the Strand Road RUC station.

Within minutes of the warnings police evacuated most of its staff from the RUC station and people from nearby buildings. At around 1.00pm army bomb disposal experts carried out a controlled explosion on the device.

A security source said that the bomb would have devastated a large area of Londonderry if it had exploded outside the RUC base, which is about 300 yards from the city's Guildhall. The source said: "It was a viable device. Home-made explosives were packed into 13 bags."

John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, who is the MP for Foyle, condemned the bombers. He said: "I am obviously deeply angered by this. The people who are engaged in this activity are the enemies of Derry and of the people of Ireland."

Public managers must carry the can says Nolan

By Valerie Elliott
Whitehall Editor

LORD Nolan said last night that the heads of Government agencies, such as the prison service, and other senior officials should be more accountable to the public.

The law lord appointed to monitor standards in public life, Lord Nolan attacked the present system which allowed senior managers to be shielded behind the cloak of Ministers' accountability.

He highlighted his case with the position of Gillian Shephard, Education and Employment Secretary, who twice in recent weeks had to become involved in the difficulties of problem schools. He said that the right people had to be accountable and problems could no longer be hushed up. They had to be openly answerable to the public for their actions and decisions. He criticised Ministers for defending the *status quo* and described the present poistion as "an unsatisfactory half-way house".

Lord Nolan spoke out last night because he is concerned that while the Government has pressed ahead to introduce more efficient management styles into the civil service, they have failed to respond to the public pressure for public services to be more accountable.

He argued that chief executives were frequently public figures and he cited the early days of the Child Support Agency, for example, when its former head, Ros Hepplewhite, was as much a target of public protest as the Minister. The Civil Service was now a complex structure and officials could no longer expect to work anonymously within their "departmental bosom".

Nolan: attacked lack of accountability

Speaking in his second Radcliffe Lecture at Warwick University, Lord Nolan said: "If accountability is only through Ministers, in respect of an agency with hundreds of offices and thousands of clients, the chain is too long, the person who should be answerable remains shielded from public view and true accountability is weakened."

He reiterated his view that the civil service had long used ministerial accountability as an excuse for secrecy, but he warned that it was now being used to slow down the growth in accountability.

Affluent expulsions

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Moore said. "The absence of a father can have an influence and that also applied to middle-class children who were high achievers. Where their fathers were absent, the opportunity for them to take advantage was increased."

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said official figures yesterday showed that 1,365 children were excluded from primary schools and 9,197 from secondary schools in 1994-95. She said: "Schools must have the right to exclude the small minority of severely disruptive pupils whose behaviour is intractable. But permanent exclusion should be a last resort, and Ofsted's report indicates that schools should be able to contain many who are excluded."

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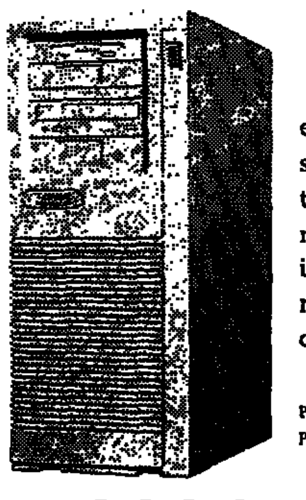

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Female 'husband' fooled wife for 17 years, judges told

By Daniel McGrory

A TRANSSEXUAL whose 17-year marriage to a wealthy society heiress ended when his wife discovered "he" was a woman who wore a false penis lost his claim in the Court of Appeal yesterday for a share of their marital home.

The 50-year-old "husband" said that he would now take his case to the European Court of Human Rights for the money and access to his two children. They were born after the wife was artificially inseminated after telling a fertility clinic her husband had had a vasectomy.

She had admitted being sexually inexperienced and believed her husband was either "deformed or just very small". In fact, her husband had been born and brought up as a girl, though by the age of 17 was living as a man and using a improvised prosthesis to have sex with women.

He later underwent hormone treatment and had both breasts removed before meeting his future wife at a restaurant where they were both working.

The wife, who is heiress to an estate worth "tens of millions", only discovered her husband's true sexuality after a family row prompted her to hire a private detective who found his birth certificate.

Lord Justice Ward: was "astonished"

In their 83-page judgement yesterday the three appeal court judges agreed that the transsexual had deceived his wife and committed perjury at their wedding when he said there was no lawful hindrance to the marriage.

Lord Justice Ward said that although "the plight of the transsexual should command sympathy" his deception had traumatised his wife. "The facts of this case boil down to an attempt to gain benefit which accrues only through wrongdoing," the judge said.

The action was seen by lawyers as a test over the legalisation of transsexual marriages, recognised by many European countries.

Lord Justice Ward said he had sympathy for both parties in the "sad story", and ruled that neither could be identified in any way so as to protect their children — a boy now aged 9 and a girl aged 4.

The judge recounted how the couple met when the wife was aged 19, eleven years younger than the transsexual, and "an unhappy theology undergraduate disaffected by university". Their sexual relationship began soon after they met. "They began to live together and on July 7, 1977, went through a ceremony of marriage despite opposition from the plaintiff's family.

"Many — and I am one of them — will find it quite astonishing that there was no single occasion in 17 years of life together when her eyes did not see, or her hands or her body feel, or her senses tell her that she was living with a man who had the genital formation of a woman, a man who did not simply have a small or deformed penis, but had no penis at all".

The relationship began to break down in 1994 and the wife petitioned for divorce, telling a close friend of "peculiarities... his nipples, the scars under his arms, the fact that he used an artificial penis and the (blood stains)."

The defendant had never undergone the recommended surgical construction of a penis and retained the genital organs of a woman. He gave evidence how they had sex using a fake penis made of plaster of Paris which he wore constantly.

He contends that after their marriage his wife discovered his vagina while they were in bed. "She said, 'Do you want to talk about it ?'. I said 'No'. That was stupid."

His wife denied such an incident and insisted her husband never revealed his true gender. She never saw him naked, she said.

The marriage was formally annulled in October 1994.

All three judges — Lord Justice Ward, Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice Neill — refused the defendant any financial settlement from the marriage.

Madeiline Rees, who represented the defendant , said after the ruling: "The civil rights of transsexuals have still to be recognised in this country which is why we shall pursue this to the House of Lords if possible, and then certainly to Europe.

"All he was seeking was half the value of the house he helped build, about £200,000. His wife has tens of millions and will give him nothing, nor let him see his children."

☐ The UK is almost alone in Europe and the rest of the common law world in refusing to allow the approximately 50,000 transsexuals in the country to change their birth certificates and thus legally marry. In 1986 the European Court of Human Rights said it was not an infringement of rights but Terrence Walton, a solicitor, believes the UK will come under pressure over the position. Allowing birth certificates changes would create other legal rights revolving around marriage, children, property and trusts.

The women who make sacrifices to live like men

Medical Briefing

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

IT IS no surprise to doctors to hear that a transsexual woman formed a lasting relationship with another woman and even went through a form of marriage. Twenty years ago a survey showed that nearly all transsexual women who have surgery to change their apparent gender find a female lover, and many establish an enduring partnership with them.

Nor is it rare for children to be involved. Often the partner who plays the wifely role already has children of her own. In other instances, as in the case which was heard by the Court of Appeal, children have been conceived as a result of artificial insemination.

What is most remarkable is that the wife in the recent court case was unaware that such masculine appearance as her husband had was the result of surgical and medical skills, and not of nature. The wife was apparently deceived by her partner's double mastectomy, and by the masculinisation achieved by hormone therapy. The woman either presumably didn't recognise her partner's dildo for what it was, or thought that it was an essential aid for most men in their sexual activities.

Some older women brought up when sexual mores were very different had a lack of knowledge of anatomy and physiology which is unbelievable to later generations. Nearly 40 years ago, when I was a paediatric houseman, an adolescent boy was brought to out-patients by his mother because of grossly abnormal genitalia. I suggested that the deformities should have been noticed earlier, but the mother very reasonably replied that there were only two penises she knew well, her husband's and her son's, and how was she to know which was standard issue?

The transsexual woman, who has often had a mother who found it difficult to express maternal love, has a deeply-rooted conviction that she is a man, despite all the anatomical evidence to the contrary. The woman feels that her genitalia are not only inappropriate to her gender, as she believes it, but actually abhorrent, and she therefore seeks the medical profession's help in order to re-model herself. These women have often worn male clothes from an early age, have camouflaged their gender, and have enjoyed male pursuits while they were growing up.

Female transsexuals have sometimes led very successful careers as men. In one famous case in the 19th century, a woman served as a man in a Scottish regiment and was only found to be female after she was wounded, when it also transpired that she had actually had a baby before joining up.

Mystery £2.5m lottery winner plays for time

By Carol Midgley

THE secretive widow who claims to be the reluctant winner of £2.5 million on the National Lottery yesterday insisted she had no intention of collecting the money before last night's 11pm deadline.

In a second letter to her local newspaper the 89-year-old woman, understood to be called Enid and from Hull, enclosed part of a lottery ticket bearing the winning numbers with a note saying this proved she would not claim the prize. Camelot staff, however, said it was impossible to judge whether the slip was genuine and could not rule out a hoax.

In her letter to the *Hull Daily Mail*, the "winner" said: "I was very shocked and a little upset to see my letter in the paper and on the news. All I wanted to do was to put the public's mind at rest as to the whereabouts of the ticket.

"But now the matter is out, it's best for all I bring an end to it. I enclose the numbers of my ticket to show I have no intention of claiming any money. I am sorry if I have caused any inconvenience."

As the final hours ticked away yesterday Camelot chartered a plane to fly over the city's marina at lunchtime trailing a 100ft banner with the words: "Two million pounds prize — is it you?" Camelot also kept its hotline open until 11pm so that the £2,540,754 could be claimed. Some £160,000 in interest has been lost since the prize was won in May.

The possible winner instigated a major hunt last Friday when she wrote to the paper saying she was too frightened to collect her money, claiming: "All the fuss would finish me off." She said that the ticket was left by her late husband who bought it at 11 o'clock on Friday, May 24, this year. "Enid", who has no surviving family or friends except a home help, refuses to pick up her cheque because she wants the money to go to the hospitals that looked after her sick husband.

Stan Szecowka, deputy editor of the *Hull Daily Mail*, has been running an appeal for the elderly woman to come forward to claim her prize so that the money does not go into a good causes national pool. He said: "The original letter writer has been back in touch with us and, despite our requests, has repeated that she will not come forward. We have agreed not to release any more details that could identify her.

"Since we published details of the first letter, scores of people have come forward claiming to have bought the winning ticket. Several people have also written in claiming to have penned the letter as a hoax."

The winning numbers were 8, 20, 26, 34, 42, 43, and the bonus ball was 25.

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Mrs Shand Kydd leaving Oban court, where she denies a charge of drink-driving

Diana's mother 'may have been upset by letter'

By Shirley English

THE "tearful and distraught" demeanour of Frances Shand Kydd, mother of Diana, Princess of Wales as she was driven home by police after being arrested on suspicion of drink-driving may have been caused by a letter she had received, Oban Sheriff's court was told yesterday.

Detective Sergeant Dugald MacCallum of Oban police said Mrs Shand Kydd, 60, wept during the 25-minute drive to her home on the island of Seil, Argyll and Bute, on April 5 and was not her normal self.

Sergeant MacCallum was giving evidence on the second day of Mrs Shand Kydd's trial before Sheriff William Dunlop. She denies charges of driving while over the alcohol limit and failing to provide a breath test.

Andrew Hardie, QC, Dean of the Faculty of Advocates and head of Mrs Shand Kydd's four-strong defence team, asked if Mrs Shand Kydd had offered any explanation for her distressed state or whether she had mentioned receiving a communication or letter that day. Sergeant MacCallum said he did not know if she mentioned it that day or the next.

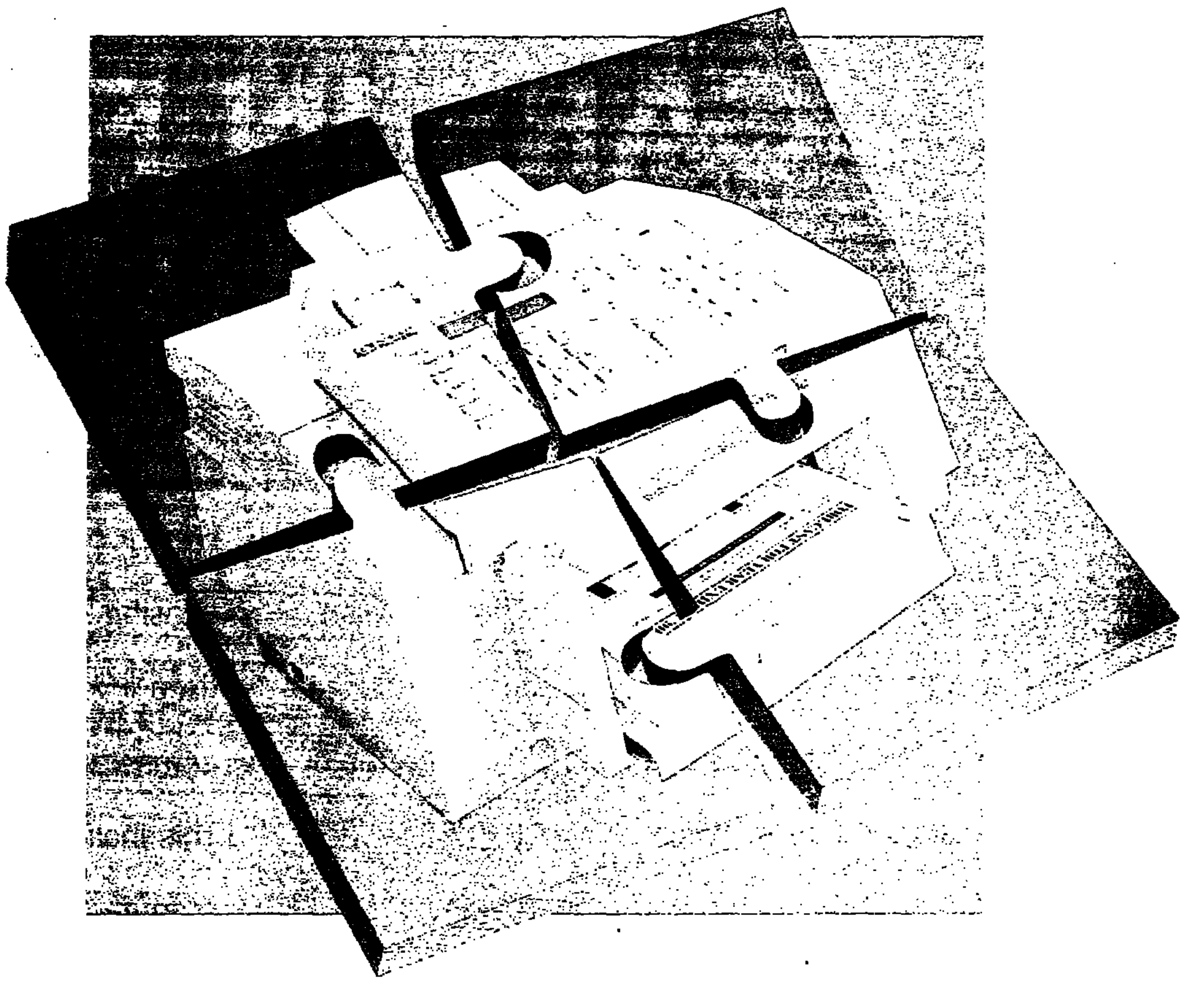
He said Mrs Shand Kydd had admitted to him that she had not eaten all day because it was Good Friday, but she had had a glass of wine. Asked if he thought she was drunk, Sergeant MacCallum said: "I honestly would not like to say." One and a half hours earlier, Mrs Shand Kydd had been arrested in Oban after an off duty police officer spotted her walking unsteadily towards her car, bumping into parked vehicles, before getting into it and driving off.

She was arrested and a blood sample taken with her permission. It was divided between two phials. Mrs Shand Kydd was offered one, which she refused, he said. Tests later found 206 milligrams of alcohol in one millilitre of blood, exceeding the 80 milligram limit.

Constable Michael Woods insisted that the police procedures were followed throughout using form 482, which outlined the correct method of obtaining blood samples. This crucial document subsequently went missing and has never been found. The court only has a photocopy taken before it was lost as evidence.

Mr Hardie claimed that Mrs Shand Kydd was unsteady on her feet because of an earlier fall which had injured her left ankle and knee. She also had trouble with her right leg after an operation in 1987.

Her eyes were red, not because of alcohol, but because she had been crying, he said. He suggested her emotional distress had been sparked by a communication received possibly that same day. The case continues.



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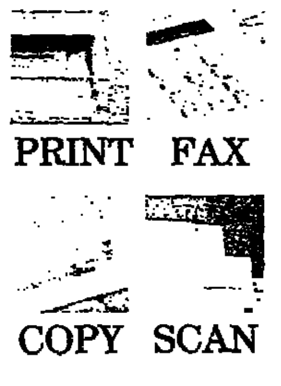

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Eurotunnel admits that systems failed in fire

By Joanna Bale and Jonathan Prynn

EUROTUNNEL admitted yesterday that the train that caused an emergency on Monday was ablaze before it entered the tunnel, and that two of its three safety systems had failed. A French magistrate said that an investigation had not ruled out sabotage after reports of an incendiary device being thrown by striking French lorry drivers.

With the tunnel still shut last night to all but a few freight services, Alain Bertrand, operations director, confirmed that security guards saw smoke belching from a rear wagon before the lorry shuttle entered the tunnel. The driver was instructed to continue his 40-minute journey rather than stop and reverse out, so that the fire could be tackled more easily in Folkestone rather than in the Tunnel, M Bertrand said.

He added: "When smoke is detected it is normal procedure that the train should try to reach the other side. Reversing is more dangerous because it means stopping."

This first safety procedure failed because the driver stopped the train in the tunnel. A power failure, caused by the fire, then crippled the second safety measure, which should have involved automatically uncoupling the burning wagon and continuing to Folkestone with all passengers safely in the lounge wagon.

He added: "We do not know why the driver stopped, but we do understand that a warning light went on in his cab telling him to do so. Part of that system is connected to the bridge plates on the side of the wagons which open to enable lorries to be loaded onto them. The driver stopped in a controlled way in front of the door leading to the service tunnel, where our third emergency measure, an evacuation of 31 passengers and three crew, was successfully carried out."

Bertrand: evacuation was successful

Despite sophisticated ventilation systems designed to prevent evacuating passengers being overcome by fumes, eight suffered smoke inhalation, two of them severely, and they were taken to hospital. Mr Bertrand said there had been two Eurostar trains, two tourist shuttles and one other freight shuttle in the tunnel at the time of the fire: "Procedures were applied scrupulously, allowing everyone to be evacuated safely."

Investigations into the cause of the fire continued yesterday under the authority of a French judge. One of the examining magistrates involved in the case, Gerald Lesigne, said that he had not ruled out sabotage: "We believe the fire started on the lower part of a lorry or on the upper part of a wagon. There is no evidence of an incendiary device but we haven't been able to rule that out."

Contractors are expected to remove the nine wagons still inside the tunnel next week, after rebuilding buckled tracks. Damaged power cabling was said to have been bypassed, but the damage to the concrete lining of the tunnel had not yet been fully investigated.

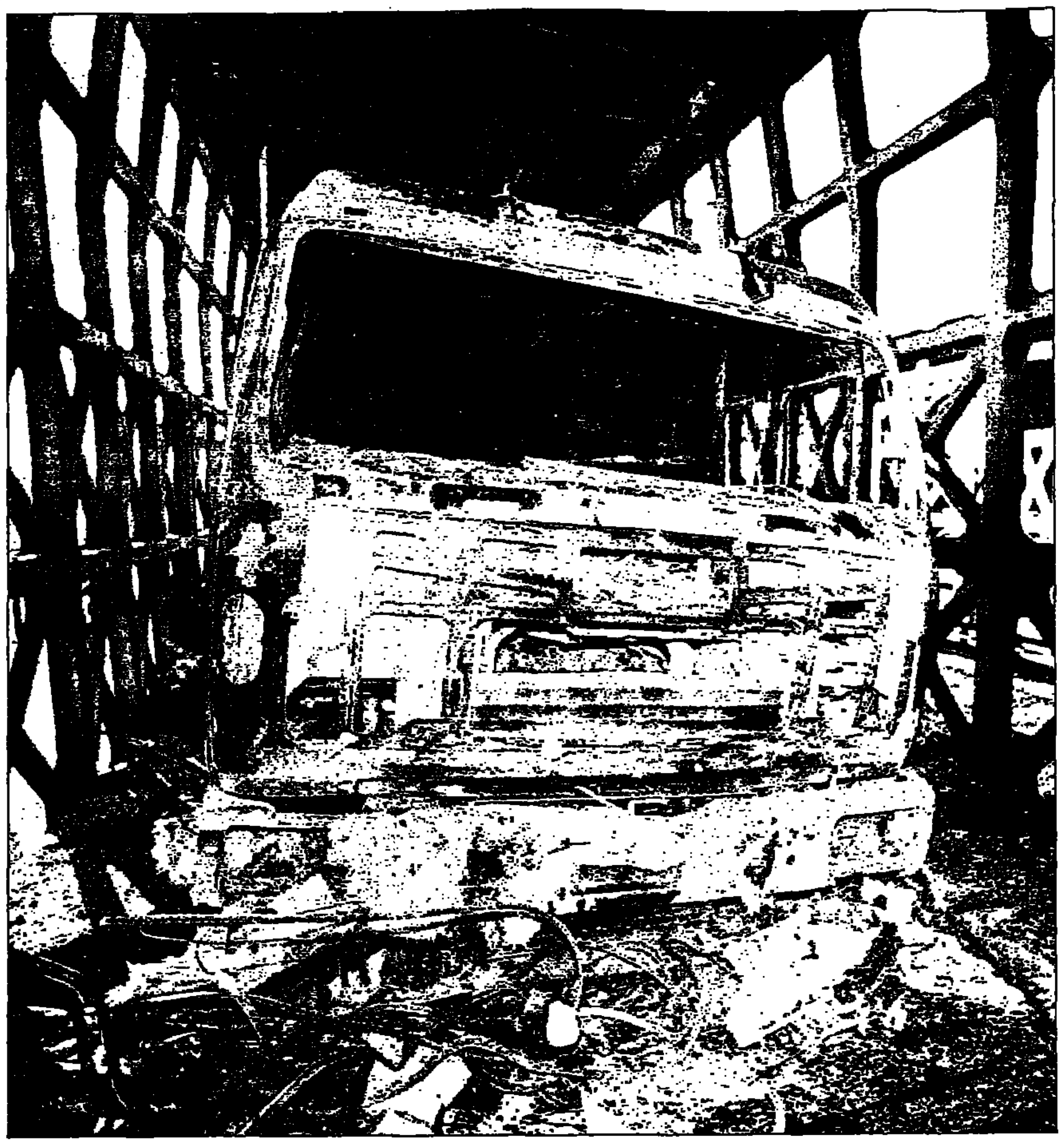
Eurotunnel executives yesterday continued to gather documentation requested by the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority before it will give the go ahead to Le Shuttle, Eurostar and shuttle train services recommencing. Despite 13 hours of intensive talks on Wednesday and the delivery of hundreds of documents detailing safety procedures, three out of the four Channel Tunnel train services remained halted last night. Container freight services were the only revenue-earning trains moving, about three an hour in each direction.

Eurostar said it had stopped taking bookings until the end of the month, and had given up forecasting when the service would be running again. It emerged that marathon talks in Calais broke down over the issue of how passengers on shuttle or Eurostar trains would be evacuated from the undamaged tunnel if there was another fire.

The Eurotunnel "safety case" is based on two fully operational tunnels allowing passengers involved in a major accident to be evacuated within 90 minutes by passing trains in the undamaged tunnel. A Eurotunnel source said that the company would today propose leaving a manned and operational shuttle train permanently parked in the damaged south tunnel, to act as an evacuation vehicle.

Further issues on which the authority required fresh information included fire prevention and smoke dispersal systems in the tunnel, the list of materials and cargos that can be transported through the tunnel, and the safety of the lattice-sided wagons involved in the accident. Jeremy Beech, the Kent county fire Officer and a member of the authority, is known to have long harboured doubts about the wagons on the grounds that they allow fire to spread too easily.

☐ THE bill for fire damage and disruption could run to £50 million, but Eurotunnel and Eurostar insisted yesterday that these losses were covered by insurance. City analysts said that that if the company is forced to replace its lattice-sided wagons, talks about a £4.7 billion refinancing packaging could be jeopardised.


End of the road: a burnt-out lorry in a lattice-sided wagon at Calais, where it will be examined by investigators

TUNNEL SERVICES: PASSENGERS

Eurostar services are operated jointly by the state railways of France and Belgium and a private British consortium, London & Continental Railways. Shareholders include Virgin and National Express. The electric trains can reach 186mph, and travel at 100mph during their 20-minute journey through the tunnel. They do not carry vehicles. The trains link London Waterloo with the Gare du Nord in Paris and Gard du Midi in Brussels. By last week the services had been stepped up to between 14 and 16 departures a day to Paris and between six and eight to Brussels. Through services from Scotland and the Midlands are to start next year.

CAR TRAINS

Eurotunnel operates a fleet of nine Le Shuttle trains between Folkestone and Calais for travellers in cars and coaches. The service runs round the clock, 365 days a year, and before the fire had reached a frequency of about 60 trains a day in each direction. Vehicles are driven on to the half-mile-long trains. The drivers and passenger can stay in their seats or wander around the carriage during the 35-minute crossing. The carriages are divided by fire doors designed to contain a blaze for at least 30 minutes. After a slow start the service has become hugely successful, taking about 45 per cent of the Calais traffic — and up to [illegible] cars and coaches a day.

FREIGHT SHUTTLE

The Eurotunnel lorry shuttle is, like the car trains, a drive-on service. Truckers manoeuvre their vehicles onto the "lattice-sided" wagons. It was one of these trains that was [illegible] Monday night, and the flames [illegible] the open wagons. Eurotunnel was running about [illegible] freight shuttles a day in each direction before the accident, carrying a total of about 2,000 trucks. Unlike car shuttles, passengers on the freight service travel separately from their vehicles. After driving their lorries on board the trucker is bussed to a "club car" immediately behind the front locomotive, where they are [illegible] a meal during the journey.

FREIGHT CONTAINERS

A British Rail subsidiary, Rail Freight Distribution, in partnership with the French state railway SNCF, operates about 20 container freight trains a day. These are mainly long-distance services carrying goods such as cars and aggregates to Italy and Spain. They have no passengers and so were the first allowed back into the tunnel. The service lost £60 million last year and is being privatised.

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Loss of legal aid threatens mother's £2m damages case

By Frances Gibb

A WOMAN who has fought for 18 years to pursue a medical negligence claim for £2 million for her severely brain-damaged daughter has lost her legal aid two weeks before the start of her High Court action.

Wendy Railton, of Wellington, Somerset, said the decision with the case ready to proceed and five medical experts lined up to give evidence, has devastated her. "This was my only hope to give her some kind of a future."

Ms Railton's daughter, Tanya, was brain damaged at birth 18 years ago. It took several years to obtain the medical records and five different firms of solicitors to succeed in obtaining the necessary evidence to mount a claim. But two weeks ago, after spending £60,000 in legal aid funds, the authorities revoked her certificate because leading barristers advised against her chances of winning.

Guy Eskell, Ms Railton's solicitor, said: "Unless she can raise money to take out insurance against the possibility of losing, then she will be deprived of the chance to do everything she wants to for her daughter."

Tanya was born almost dead at St Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey. The hospital and health authority strongly deny negligence but Ms Railton's lawyers maintain that tests show medical records have been altered.

Ms Railton is prepared to sell her house to pay for the legal costs but this could not be done in time for the trial date of November 25. She is now investigating the cost of legal expenses insurance but would need £50,000.

Tanya, who is in a wheelchair with a displaced hip and curvature of the spine, is looked after by a full-time carer. She has been confined to home since she was 11. A damages award would provide the equipment to improve her quality of life, plus ensure her care for the future. "Otherwise I will just have to sit back and watch her get worse," Ms Railton said.

Wendy Railton with her daughter Tanya, who was severely brain damaged at birth 18 years ago

Mother and baby 'put at risk by feuding surgeon'

By Michael Horsnell

A SURGEON was accused yesterday of putting the lives of a mother and her baby at risk when he refused to carry out an emergency Caesarean while another doctor was in the operating theatre.

The operation was delayed 20 minutes while the two doctors had a row outside the theatre, overheard by the mother. The baby girl, who was in the breech position, was eventually delivered blue and requiring resuscitation. She is now in good health.

Mr Debabrata Chatterjee, 58, a GP and part-time consultant surgeon, is accused of serious professional misconduct at the General Medical Council in London. He allegedly ordered Dr Francis Tierney out of the theatre at Dalisburgh Hospital in South Uist in the Western Isles, and told nurses that if he did not leave they could order an air ambulance to take the patient to Glasgow.

Linda Dobbs, counsel for the GMC, said that on July 8, 1994, the mother was taken to the hospital when her waters broke and a midwife at her home reported the baby was in the breech position. Staff were unable to contact Mr Chatterjee, who had no telephone at his surgery. A nurse was despatched by car 20 miles to alert him.

Meanwhile, Sister Muriel MacLeod telephoned Dr Tierney, a GP and part-time anaesthetist, to call him to assist if necessary in a vaginal breech delivery. He was met at the main door by the sister who told him that she had managed to contact Mr Chatterjee and a ceasarean section had been decided on. Another anesthetist, Dr Narindar Bedi, was on hand by then to assist. The two anaesthetists agreed their roles — Dr Tierney would look after the baby while Dr Bedi would care for the mother.

Dr Tierney went to a consulting room to change. There he found Mr Chatterjee, and an exchange of words culminated in Mr Chatterjee saying: "I am not going to operate on this woman while you are in the hospital. I want you out."

His colleague replied: "It's not your hospital."

Mr Chatterjee stormed out of the room. A nurse put her head round the consulting room door shortly afterwards to tell Dr Tierney: "He has told us he is not going to do anything. He is adamant."

Dr Tierney went into the theatre and waited for over 20 minutes. The impasse was broken after Brian Liddell, the general manager, asked Dr Tierney through a nurse to stand down.

The operation was performed by Mr Chatterjee. Dr Tierney then received a message from a nurse to go into the theatre, where he found the baby was not breathing. It took 15 minutes for Dr Tierney to get her lungs working and resuscitate her.

Dr Tierney said the atmosphere between them had always been professional, but the relationship was strained. Mr Chatterjee has since been dismissed by the Western Isles Health Board and lost a case at an industrial tribunal. The hearing continues.

Dr Tierney, left, and Mr Chatterjee: the mother heard them arguing as she waited for help

Farm manager fined £500 for starving deer

By Stephen Farrell

A FARM manager who allowed 400 deer to starve to death then buried their bodies in pits was fined £500 for cruelty yesterday.

Robert Jasper, 40, allowed the animals to "drop like flies" from malnutrition caused by overstocking and lungworm infection, Bodmin magistrates were told. Jasper, of Cardinham, Cornwall, admitted six charges of causing unnecessary suffering to deer and one charge of submitting a false record of deaths.

The RSPCA criticised the court for being too lenient, saying the deer took weeks to die a painful and unnecessary death.

Philip Lee, for the prosecution, said the 220-acre farm should have held 840 deer. But when police and the RSPCA visited in April they found just 389. Jasper then led them to five deep pits, one of which held 200 bodies. Six carcases were exposed and post mortems showed that the animals had been in poor physical condition with insufficient food in their bodies, Mr Lee said. "Some were affected by lungworm which had caused pneumonia."

Jasper claimed that his employers, the Galtee Deer Farm Company from Cork in the Republic of Ireland, refused to pay for feed and instructed him to shoot sick deer instead of paying for treatment. Financial records did not support his story but the prosecution said the company did not appear "entirely blameless".

Ken Pearson, for the defence, said Jasper faced a "terrible struggle" to care for the deer, working a 60-hour week at £5 an hour. He recovered feeding equipment seized by bailiffs only by paying a £446 bill himself.

Jasper now works on the farm for a new owner.

☐ Target, a Welsh pony, was being kept at a secret location last night as a judge decided whether it should be returned to the farmer who was fined £1,200 for causing it unnecessary suffering. Its new owners, the Society for the Welfare of Horses and Ponies, said it would never be returned, whatever the decision of Pontypool County Court.

Anthony Probert, 58, of Abergavenny, was fined earlier this year after the RSPCA discovered the animal in a weak and emaciated condition in a field near Abergavenny.

The hearing was adjourned for a month.

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Over-30s have less chance of test-tube baby, say scientists

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

TEST-TUBE baby treatment cannot turn back the clock for ageing women, researchers have found.

Success rates for *in vitro* fertilisation plummet as women age, because of effects on the egg and the womb. Women over 35 have a sharply reduced chance of conceiving artificially, as do those who try the natural way. A study of 37,000 cycles of IVF treatment carried out in Britain up to 1994 showed that success rates were highest for women aged 30 and under.

Much of the attention given to *in vitro* fertilisation has focused on the skill of individual specialists and the success of different techniques. But Allan Templeton and colleagues in the University of Aberdeen's obstetrics and gynaecology department say that the characteristics of the couples seeking treatment are equally important.

The researchers examined the records of all IVF treatments carried out in Britain from 1991. The overall success rate per IVF treatment was 14 per cent but women aged 30 and under were more likely to succeed. The highest success rates were 17 per cent for those aged 30 and 16 per cent for those aged 25. By the age of 35 the rate falls to 14 per cent but then drops steeply to 7 per cent at 40 and 2 per cent at 45. The latest figures show that in 1994 more than 10,000 cycles of treatment were given to women over 35.

The researchers, writing in *The Lancet*, say they found that older women could significantly improve their chances by using a donated egg. In Britain, regulations require that women who donate eggs are 35 or under. There was still a downward trend in success rates among women over 30 using donated eggs, suggesting an ageing effect on the womb making it less receptive.

Women who had been pregnant before, especially those who had had a previous child by IVF, had a greater chance. The cause of infertility did not seem to affect a woman's chances of success but with each failure of IVF her chances diminished.

In a commentary on the study, Marsden Wagner, a specialist from Copenhagen, said that the introduction of new techniques since 1994, such as the microscopic injection of sperm into the egg, were unlikely to have influenced the success rates.

Cervical cancer may be going undetected because smears taken from women are inadequate for making a diagnosis. Peter Sasieni, a scientist at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, says. Figures showed that more than one in three cervical smears in some parts of the country were rejected, partly because of poor smear-taking. Of 4.5 million smears in 1994-95, more than 350,000 were rejected. Rates varied among 183 laboratories from 0.2 per cent to more than 35 per cent.

☐ Abortions on women living in England and Wales rose by 6.7 per cent in the first quarter of the year, following last year's scare over the Pill. It was the highest level since 1991. Family planning experts believe that thousands stopped taking the Pill after a warning from the Government's Committee on the Safety of Medicines that some low-dose versions could double the risk of a potentially fatal blood clot.

The Government came under fire at the time for releasing the research without first alerting GPs.

☐ An American team has tracked down a gene that predisposes men to prostate cancer, the third commonest form of cancer in males. The discovery may eventually help to identify individuals at risk and develop treatment.

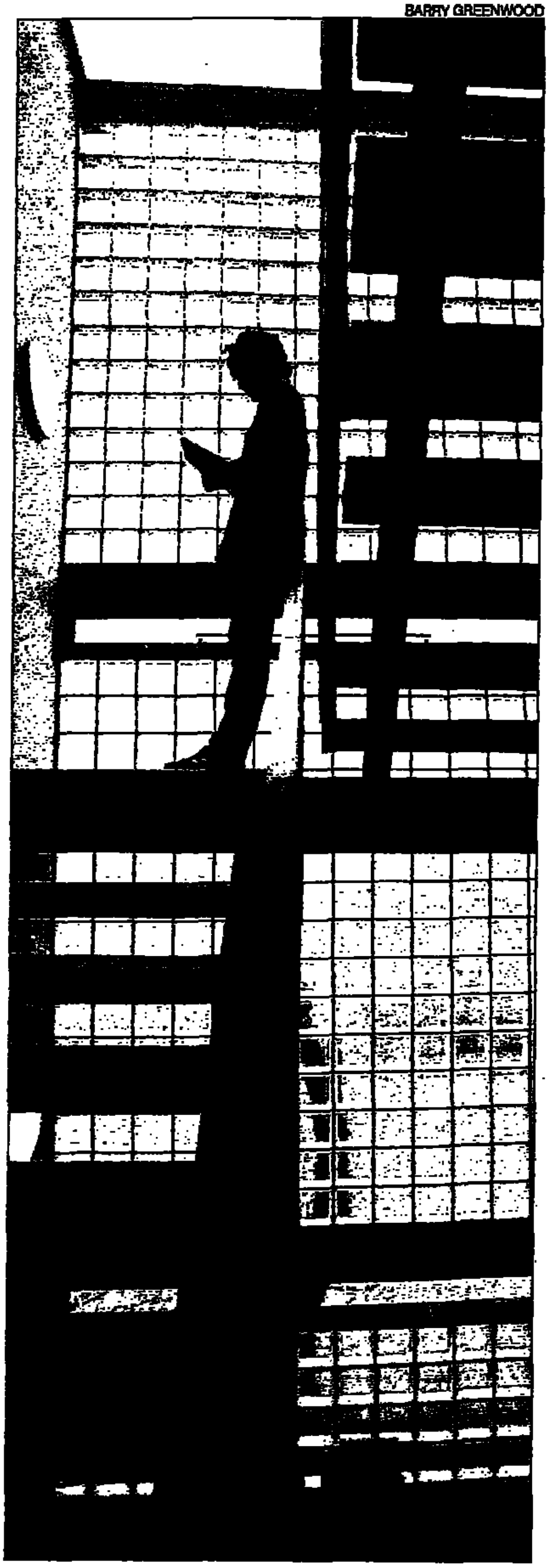
Accident-prone hospitals cost the health service £150m a year

MORE than a million accidents happen in NHS hospitals each year, costing £150 million to treat, according to the first investigation into safety standards.

The investigation by the National Audit Office found that most NHS trusts were failing to meet health and safety standards laid down in law. The study, which examined 30 NHS hospitals over eight weeks, found that 75 per cent of accidents involved patients or visitors. Most suffered minor injuries in slips, trips and falls, although some had broken bones and head cuts. Inpatients were particularly vulnerable because they could be disorientated by drug treatment.

The report said that hospital managers could do more to reduce risks by providing non-slip flooring, improving cleaning techniques and urging training staff to be more safety conscious.

Staff most commonly suffered injuries from hypodermic needles and back problems caused by lifting patients and equipment. Of the 30 hospitals visited, 23 complied with less than half of the health and safety rules on manual handling.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One of Hodder's stairwells at Salford University

Architecture's outsider on stairway to success

BY MARCUS BINNEY

A YOUNG outsider has beaten the rising stars and established names of British architecture to win the £20,000 prize for the Royal Institute of British Architects' Building of the Year.

The new Stirling prize, sponsored by *The Sunday Times*, is intended as architecture's answer to the Turner and Booker prizes. Bookmakers had quoted Sir Michael Hopkins's Queen's Building at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, as 11-10 favourite.

However the judges chose differently, awarding the prize to Stephen Hodder of Manchester for the centenary building at Salford University, which houses the design faculty, prompting the comment from RIBA: "Red brick has beaten Oxbridge."

Owen Luder, the institute's president and one of the judges, said: "It is low cost, fast build and an excellent example of what architects do best: making three dimensional use of space.

"It is a building that invites you to explore. Wherever you walk you get a different vista."

The Architects' Journal recently described Mr Hodder as "one of a small posse of uncompromising modernists based in Manchester's Castlefield quarter — part of the region's Britpack", praising his pursuit of the rational, minimal and modern.

Initially the £3.5 million centenary building was intended to house the schools of electronics engineering and industrial design. But before he knew it, Mr Hodder was building for the design faculty.

The striking bowed front now contains lecture rooms and studios while inside a gorge-like atrium, overlooked by galleries and criss-crossed by bridges, runs through the building.

Hodder: modernist

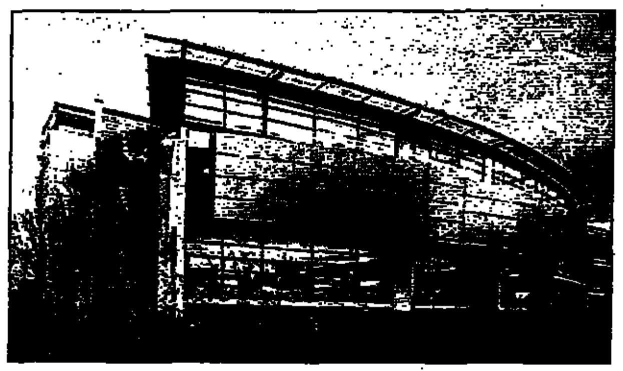
Mr Luder continued: "The Hodder building lifts a whole rundown area, providing an example for others to follow. In the Eighties, some new buildings wanted to use every material under the sun." By contrast, Mr Hodder's design is strongly monochrome, using stainless steel panels and glass to create reflections and refractions.

According to *The Architects' Journal*: "The user has an acute awareness of weather conditions" which not everyone would consider a plus in Salford. The staggered sawn-off back of the building may also be seen by some as a revival of the hated brutalism of the Sixties rather than as an essay in today's fashionable deconstruction.

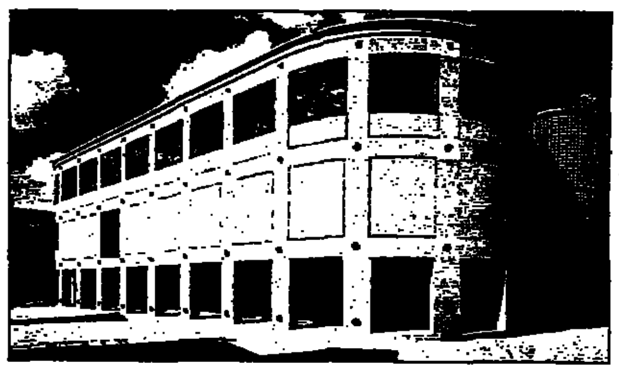
Mr Hodder, 40, "is young for an architect", RIBA said. Though little known outside architectural circles, he has won an award for an eye-catching swimming pool at Colne in Lancashire and has made a name designing small modern surgeries for general practitioners.

Both Sir Norman Foster and Lord Rogers of Riverside were eliminated at an early stage of this year's awards but Sir Michael Hopkins remained favourite with his Emmanuel College building, which had already won the Royal Fine Art Commission/BSkyB Building of the Year award this summer.

As well as Mr Luder, the judges were Sir Anthony Caro, the sculptor, and Hugh Pearman, architecture critic of *The Sunday Times*.



Centenary Building at Salford University, above, which beat the Queen's Building, Cambridge



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Term-time jobs put more money into students' pockets

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

STUDENTS today have a higher income than those who studied at the end of the 1980s, according to an independent report that dismisses claims that thousands live in poverty. It found that an increasing number were taking jobs during term-time.

The survey by the Policy Studies Institute found that only mature students had less money in real terms than the class of 1988-89. Those under 26 had a higher income and more than a third did not take out a student loan.

However, the study, sponsored by the Department for Education and Employment, acknowledged that the improvement in income had come at a price. Today's students were deeper in debt and worked longer hours in part-time employment than their predecessors.

Claire Callender and Elaine Kempson, the report's authors, said that the apparently manageable financial position of most students masked areas of hardship. Lone parents in particular were finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet and owed ten times more than the average student.

The average student received £3,615 from all sources in 1995-96, but spent £5,091. The gap was bridged by student loans, commercial credit and delayed payment of bills.

The report said that the amount received in grants, student loans and parental contributions roughly covered essential costs such as accommodation, food and course expenses. But students spent more than £2,500 on other items, such as entertainment. More than £500 was spent on alcohol and tobacco, but this was no higher than other low-income young people.

The proportion of income from grants had fallen since the last survey, but families had stepped in to meet part of the shortfall. Eight out of ten students received gifts from their parents and relatives.

Most students took holiday jobs and a growing proportion also worked during terms. Students earned an average of £162 during the Christmas and Easter breaks, and £712 during the summer holiday.

Dr Callender said: "Although students are better off in real terms than they were in the late Eighties, they are having to find jobs and borrow large sums in order to complete their courses."

The survey, based on almost 2,000 students' expenditure diaries, was dismissed by the National Union of Students. Douglas Trainer, the president, said: "If students have so much money, why do nearly 70 per cent work part-time to the detriment of their degree results?"

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ALBAN DONOHOE

Sheena Rae was taunted by girls jealous of her hair

Bullied girl's cry for help wins place in poetry book

By David Charter

A SCHOOLGIRL who wrote a poem about the bullying she suffered has won praise in a competition for writers of all ages. Sheena Rae, 13, was taunted by girls jealous of her waist-length hair and turned to poetry when a counsellor advised her to put her feelings down on paper.

Her relatives were so impressed that they encouraged her to enter the poem, *Being Bullied*, in a contest run by the International Society of Poets. It reached the semi-finals and has been published in the society's latest anthology of poems, *Voices in the Wind*.

Gloria Feist, a spokeswoman for the society, said: "The words spell out clearly what it is like to be picked on at school. They are really a cry for help."

Miss Rae, of Sotherton, near Halesworth, Suffolk, wrote the poem last year when she was at Halesworth Middle School. The bullying stopped after she moved to Bungay High School, Suffolk, this term.

Last month Vijay Singh Shahiry, 13, was found hanged at his home in Manchester after being praised at school for his writing about bullying. An inquest will be held into his death in the new year.

Miss Rae said: "Although I never got beaten up, I was always being picked on and called names. One girl used to taunt me and got her friends to do the same. They made comments about me all the time and things went missing from my bag. It made me really unhappy and at times I wished I was dead. I was starting to believe what they said about me being no good as a person. As English is my best subject, I decided to write a poem about what it was like. It was a good way of getting it off my chest. I sent the poem off after my grandmother saw a competition entry form in a magazine, but I never imagined it would do very well. I just hope that it may make bullies think twice before they pick on others."

Her mother, Patricia, said: "When I saw the poem I was quite knocked back. It made me realise just how much she had been suffering. She has got lovely, long, blonde hair and I think other girls were jealous of her."

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Gets bottled up inside my head.
I won't tell a teacher, but I tell my mum and dad
The words that you say make my life dull and sad.
Do you have fun watching my tears?
Do you laugh over my fears?
You and I know what makes me cry.
You and I know what makes me wish I would die.
A little message to the bullies out there.
Leave me alone 'cause it just isn't fair.

Adverts don't sell say whiz-kids who lost their spark

By Carol Midgley

FEWER than a third of advertising executives believe their campaigns help to sell products, a survey has revealed. Instead they are plagued by self-doubt and insecurity, and dream of giving it all up for another career.

In spite of their "whiz-kid" image, the survey of 600 advertising employees from 50 agencies found the industry weary from overwork. More than half use drugs or know a colleague who does.

Forty per cent of women said sex discrimination was rife and 73 per cent described advertising as a "terrible career" for working mothers, because of its unpredictability and 12-hour days.

Although spending on advertising by Britain's leading 100 companies has increased by 15 per cent on last year, only 28 per cent of advertising employees were prepared to say that they genuinely believed the campaigns were effective.

Dominic Mills, editorial director of the industry's trade magazine *Campaign*, which conducted the survey, said: "We knew that people were down but we didn't realise it was this bad. This is an industry plagued by self-doubt. The Eighties image of the garrulous ad executive in red glasses and braces is no more. What this survey reflects is a high level of insecurity. Advertising is a very fragile business and confidence is everything.

"It is staggering to think that so many people in advertising believe their efforts are falling short of the mark but this is clearly what people privately think. There is an element of them shooting themselves in the foot by admitting this but part of it can be blamed on frustration, with many advertisers requesting safe solutions. The London advertising scene used to be among the most innovative in the world."

Mr Mills said that between 1990 and 1992, a fifth of people in the advertising industry lost their jobs. Asked what job they would most like to do instead, the survivors said they would become barristers, writers, actors or artists. Forty-four per cent are Labour voters, 38 per cent Conservative and 10 per cent Lib Dem.

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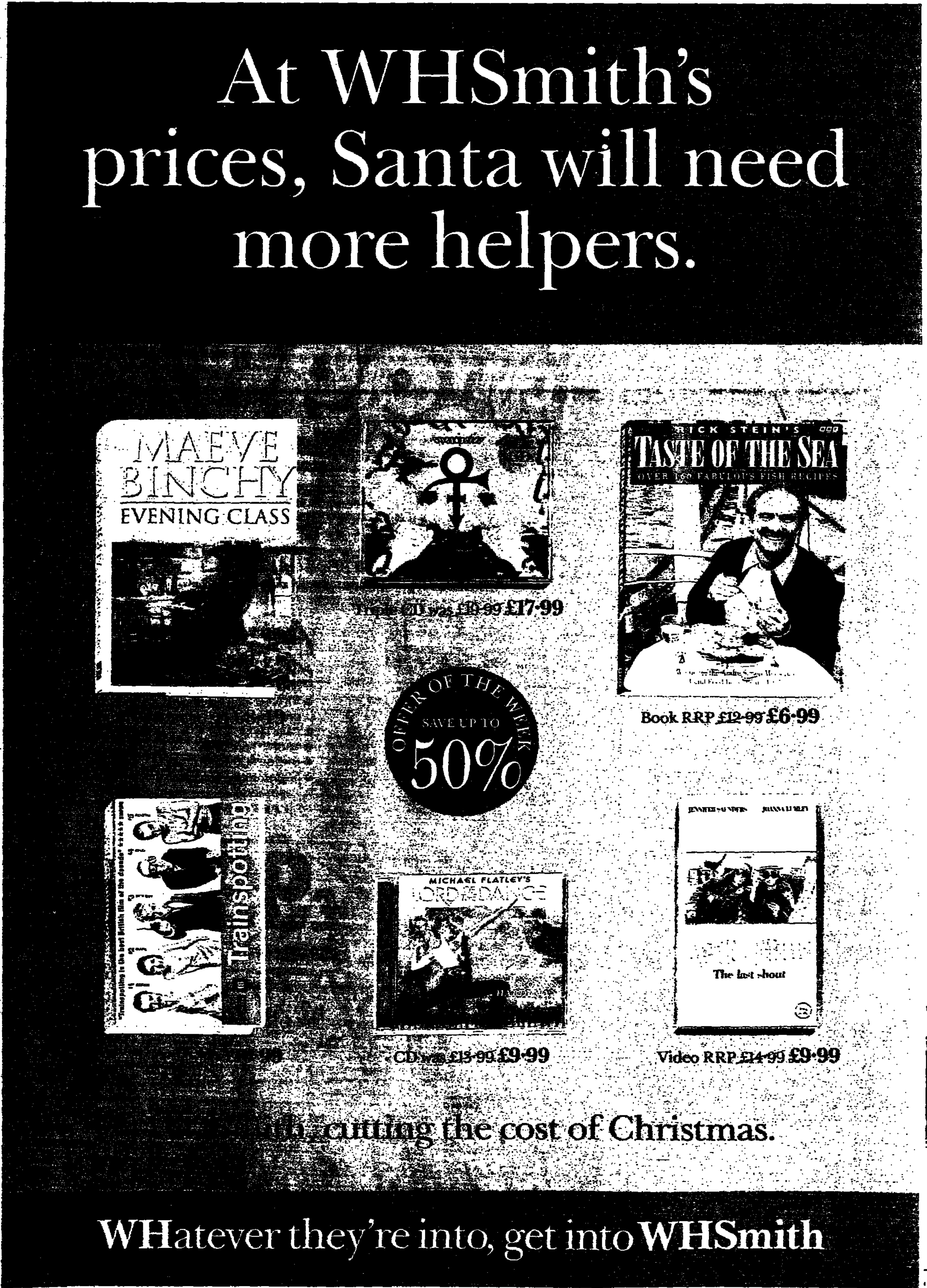

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Courts may order ten-year-olds to wear electronic tags

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

JUVENILES as young as ten could be issued with electronic tags under government proposals to keep offenders off the streets and away from football matches.

The plan extends the existing tagging scheme to the 10 to 15-year age group and would make it part of curfew orders. Offenders could have to wear the tags at school, at night and on weekends.

However, probation officers said it would do nothing to deal with the root causes of offending or antisocial behaviour, while Paul Cavadino of the Penal Affairs Consortium said tags could become a "badge of honour" that would incite rather than deter.

David Maclean, a Home Office Minister, said tagging linked to a curfew order would be an effective punishment. "We believe that curfew orders could be an effective way of keeping young offenders off the streets or away from places such as shopping centres and football matches where they may get up to no good.

"It would punish them by restricting their freedom and help to prevent them from reoffending. Electronic tagging will detect immediately whether the offender is breaking the curfew," he said.

Mr Maclean said that young offenders could be forced to stay at home at night or at certain times during the weekend and could also be required to be at school during classroom hours.

Under the proposal, produced as an amendment to the Crime (Sentences) Bill, Youth Courts would be able to impose the order for between two and twelve hours a day. The maximum length of the order would he three months. It would be piloted in some areas before a decision to adopt it nationally.

The announcement came after the Government was thrown on the defensive by an Audit Commission report condemning the juvenile justice system as inefficient and ineffective.

Mr Cavadino said tagging was one of the worst ideas yet to tackle juvenile crime. "These young people will have to attend school with the tag attached to their wrist or ankle, branding them as an offender," he said. "Some children will undoubtedly boast about their tag and wear it as a badge of honour, adopting a 'hard' image to live up to."

Harry Fletcher of the National Association of Probation Officers said tagging would humiliate young offenders and do nothing to address the cause of antisocial behaviour. "The Government has failed to deal with youth crime. The introduction of tags for 10 to 15-year-olds is ample testimony to that failure," he said. "It appears to have run out of constructive ideas."

Trials involving the electronic tagging of offenders aged 16 and over have been operating since July last year in Greater Manchester, Berkshire and Norfolk.

A total of 220 offenders have been given curfew orders, of which 98 have been completed, 90 are under way and 27 were breached and the offender returned to court. A further three orders were quashed on appeal and two were void.

Charles Rose, managing director of Geografix, the company involved in the Norfolk pilot project, said his firm would be interested in extending the trials to the new age group.

☐ The maximum penalty for indecent assault on a man by a juvenile offender aged between 10 and 17 is to increase to ten years' detention, Mr Maclean announced. At present the maximum is two years' detention for offenders aged 15 to 17. There is no custodial penalty for 10 to 14-year-olds.

Joanne Cholerton, investigative psychologist: "*Cracker* makes me laugh"

Don't call me Cracker says new investigator

By A Staff Reporter

IT COULD be a plot for a new television series: a woman newly qualified as an investigative psychologist starts working for the police in a northern town. But yesterday Joanne Cholerton was resisting attempts to label her as a bit of a Cracker.

The new recruit has begun helping officers to compile profiles of offenders, but she says that any similarity with the workload of the TV psychologist played by Robbie Coltrane ends there.

"I do watch Cracker, which makes good drama, but it's not because it has much to do with my work," Miss Cholerton, 23, from Essex, said. "It makes me laugh. Most of the time I'm sitting in front of a computer inputting data and doing statistics."

Her only link with *Cracker* is that Derek Canter, her professor at Liverpool University, is mentioned in the books that spawned the series. Rather than hunting serial killers face-to-face, she will be analysing data on Hartlepool's burglars.

The force says its offender-profiling programme is unique in Britain. Detective Chief Inspector Ray Mallon said: "Joanne will not be directly involved. She will basically supply ammunition for detectives to catch the criminals."

40% of fire emergency calls are a false alarm

By Ian Murray

FOUR out of ten 999 calls to report fires are false alarms — nearly a third of them malicious — and a declining number of firemen are having to cope with an increasing number of incidents.

The figures from Cipfa, the public accountancy association, illustrate the strain put on fire services by an average of 1,300 false alarms a day, particularly in inner city and industrial areas.

The problem is greatest in Cleveland, where the potential risk from chemical industries means that the service is allocated more money per head of population than any other. The brigade is called out on average ten times a day by malicious calls and as many times again by alarms set off by over-sensitive monitors. The malicious call-out rate per head of population in Cleveland is almost three times the national average.

Malicious calls are also high in Merseyside, where the fire service has to put out proportionately more fires than in any other major city. In Birmingham there are 35 malicious calls a day and in Manchester 27.

The number of callouts nationally has grown by 6 per cent from 1,085,519 to 1,148,152 a year while the number of fire personnel has fallen from 63,517 to 62,837.

Church finds enemy who became friend

By John Shaw

A CHURCH'S older parishioners always remembered the moving sound of German prisoners of war singing their own *Silent Night* at midnight mass as they shared Christmas with their British captors.

As the war ended, an unknown PoW left behind a 3ft carved statue of St Joseph and Jesus as a gift for the villagers of North Walsham, Norfolk. For more than half a century, the treasured figure has stood at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, with no knowledge of its artist.

Now the two sides have made contact again after a chance discovery. The figure was being sent away for treatment for woodworm when it was turned upside down, revealing a label giving the carver's name and prison number.

Cathy Bateman, a member of the church, led the detective work that identified Adolph Benz, prisoner 101484H in Camp 82 at nearby Worstead. She wrote to the German Embassy and the military archive in Berlin traced Herr Benz, 88, who lives at Gaggenau, near the spa town of Baden-Baden.

He has written to the church saying he was honoured that the statue was still treasured. He remembered carving the figure at the camp after a visit from a priest. "One day a priest came to us with a small figure of St Joseph," he said. "With that in mind, I started working on the big statue, trying to give St Joseph the face of a kindly father. It is really impressive that after such a long time the members of the church still think of the person who carved this in thanksgiving for the end of the war."

Mrs Bateman, who is retired, said: "Finding out about Mr Benz is a great joy."

☐ A reconnaissance photograph taken by a German spy plane has been used to prove that a footpath at Shipton Gorge, near Bridport, Dorset, was in use during the war, defeating a landowner's objection to public access.

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Tories cannot help you, Labour tells tax lobby firms

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR mounted a vigorous defence of its planned windfall tax yesterday, warning the privatised utilities against trying to avoid it by "climbing into bed" with the Tories.

Alistair Darling, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, seized on reports that Michael Heseltine was backing the establishment of a lobby group of privatised companies that are intent on undermining Labour's tax policy.

Winding up after a Commons debate in which the Deputy Prime Minister had led the attack on the windfall tax, Mr Darling claimed that the Tories were hand-in-glove with the privatised industries.

"The debate has shown that Mr Heseltine is a prisoner of the privileged few on the boards of utilities," Mr Darling said. "No sensible industry would contemplate climbing into bed with a campaign of this sort."

Plans for the lobby group are said to be co-ordinated by Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways and president of the Confederation of British Industry. Sir Colin has invited about 80 privatised companies to a breakfast meeting in London next month, with the aim of forming a group dedicated to promoting the benefits of privatisation.

But the group is expected to look at measures to avoid paying the windfall tax, which Labour hopes will raise up to £5 billion to help to put the young unemployed and long-term unemployed back to work. Some of the privatised utilities have already given warning that they would take legal action against a Labour government.

Last night Labour aides confirmed that British Airways would be liable for the windfall tax if it was deemed to have made excess profits. They also said that experts had advised the party that any legal challenge would fail.

John Prescott, deputy labour leader, told MPs that the levy would be applied to all privatised utilities that had gained excess profits. "All privatised utilities will be considered as candidates for the levy without fear or favour."

After Tory taunts that Labour would not provide details, Mr Prescott emphasised that it would be a one-off levy. But aides of Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, later said that although each company would know its liability after a Labour government's first Budget the tax could be paid in instalments.

Earlier Mr Heseltine and Mr Prescott clashed over the dangers and merits of a windfall tax. Mr Heseltine, who was less combative than usual, urged his opponent to say which companies would have to pay and how much.

He pointed out that ten million shareholders had pension and insurance policies based on extensive investment in the utilities. The tax was bound to lead to rising prices or loss of jobs, or both. "Labour wants to punish all of us — everyone with a phone, with a gas bill, an eletricity bill, a water bill."

Mr Prescott said: "The reality is that privatised utilities were sold off cheaply and regulated weakly, deliberately to allow the City to make a financial killing . . . Independent experts confirm that the levy can be raised from excess profits without passing on the cost to customers."

He accused Mr Heseltine of "weeping crocodile tears for the taxpayer, the shareholder, the pensioner". But he had presided over 22 tax rises and was in a government that had broken the link between pensions and earnings to fund tax cuts for the better-off.

'MINE, I BELIEVE.'

MPs 'need honesty law'

PADDY ASHDOWN has called for a new law to prevent politicians lying about taxes (Arthur Leathley writes).

Yesterday the Liberal Democrat leader said that voters were repeatedly misled by politicians who manipulated economic figures to justify pre-election "bribes". He predicted that any tax cuts announced in the Budget next week would be reversed after the general election, whoever won.

A fiscal responsibility and tax contract Act would end the present "pathetic and infantile" debate on tax. Ministers would be forced to provide full details of their fiscal aims for scrutiny by an independent office.

Brown's reply to 'Tory lies' reveals shifts in policy

BY OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN'S line-by-line rebuttal of the Tories' tax and spend charges revealed more about Labour's policy than the draft manifesto programme that it published this summer.

Over the past two years Labour has made a number of policy changes, several of which have not been formally announced by the Labour leadership, or published in policy documents.

Labour's last health document, *Renewing the NHS*, stated categorically that Labour would scrap both compulsory competitive tendering in the health service and private finance for NHS capital projects. Previous papers had suggested that Labour would phase out private beds and recreate a regional structure. Labour's rebuttal document on Wednesday made clear that all these policies have been abolished.

The paper says: "There are no plans to phase out private provision in the NHS." It also dismisses as a "lie" Tory claims that Labour intends to end compulsory competitive tendering in the NHS. "The truth is that Labour has no objections to fair comparisons between public service and private sector provision."

It is more vague about Tory claims that it will abolish compulsory competitive tendering in local government: "The truth is that Labour is committed to securing best value — a combination of both price and quality — in public services."

The Tory document quoted a statement from Harriet Harman in April, when she was Shadow Health Secretary, expressing her opposition to private finance in the NHS. In its rebuttal, Labour said that it had *no* objection to private finance for capital projects, citing a comment made by Ms Harman in June. It also made clear that Labour has no intention of reintroducing a regional health structure, and dismisses as a "lie" that it intends to spend more on funding community care, or on rights for disabled people. Plans for the disabled would involve merging the present budgets of the National Advisory Council on the Employment of People with Disabilities and the National Disability Council.

The document also says that Labour will not abolish the Jobseeker's Allowance, an unemployment benefit payable for only six months compared with the 12 months of the benefit it replaces. Labour originally opposed this.

But one of its most revealing admissions is on nursery places. Labour's original policy to secure a nursery place for all children aged three and four has been weakened. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, told the party conference last month that Labour would offer nursery places to all four-year-olds and set targets to provide places for those three-year-olds whose parents wanted them to attend. Now the party says: "The truth is Labour will provide a nursery place for all four-year-olds using funds from the nursery vouchers scheme."

Sources close to David Blunkett said that the rebuttal document had not been cleared with him. An aide said there would be targets for three-year-olds but they would not be set until provision had been made for four-year-olds.

Blunkett: sources say he was not consulted

Time to review Britain's dated electoral ways

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Referendums are becoming part of British constitutional practice on a scale that would have been unimaginable a few years ago. But party promises to hold referendums have run well ahead of any agreement about how they should be run. Potential problems have been underlined by Sir James Goldsmith's campaign for a European referendum: how should the question be framed? This gap has been filled by a new report from an independent, cross-party commission set up by the Constitution Unit and the Electoral Reform Society. The Constitution Unit has established an important niche as a shadow civil service in its assessments of how reform could be implemented. Yesterday's report on *The Conduct of Referendums* has far-reaching implications for politics which go well beyond its dry-sounding title.

There has so far been only one nationwide referendum, in June 1975 on membership of the European Community, though there have been separate ones in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. That was, at the time and until recently, regarded as exceptional. But now all three main parties have proposed holding a referendum before Britain could join a single currency, while Labour has proposed referendums on whether the electoral system for the Commons should change and at least four separate ones on devolution and a strategic authority for London. The Liberal Democrats back some, though not all, of these specific proposals and, in general, are committed to the use of referendums on important issues.

So we may be deluged by referendums, at least in the first 18 months of a new government. The commission, chaired by Sir Patrick Nairne, an eminient former permanent secretary, proposes a series of sensible guidelines about how to achieve proper balance, broadcasting rules, public information, length of campaigns and nature of questions. Most are not contentious but some, such as ensuring that any threshold should be set as a percentage of votes cast rather than of the eligible electorate, would avoid the bitterness left by the 1979 Scottish referendum.

But if referendums are to become more frequent, should a permanent new framework be created? Most politicians are wary of making referendums too easy and are dubious about suggestions that they could be authorised merely through secondary legislation without a lengthy debate, rather than by a full-scale new Bill. These doubts will have been reinforced by the Government's crass mishandling of the European directives on monetary union. By resisting a debate on the floor of the Commons, ministers have maximised opposition and turned an issue of importance, though mainly of interest to the sceptics, into one of the rights of MPs — a self-inflicted and avoidable row.

A generic referendum Act could, however, set up a permanent organisational framework, leaving the political matters about questions to be decided on each occasion. A referendum commission has obvious attractions, but even better would be a permanent electoral commission, as exists in many other democracies and is backed by the main opposition parties here. A Hansard Society report a few years ago proposed that such a commission should take over the present diffuse responsibility for running elections, boundary reviews, allocating broadcasting time and monitoring party accounts. Such a commission is long overdue, especially if it took an interest in party fund-raising and adverts.

British elections have for long been conducted through 19th century laws intended to stamp out corruption and by informal understandings. As with so much else in politics, these checks no longer apply. If there are to be more innovations, such as referendums, a clearer statutory framework is even more necessary — administered in an open way by an independent commission.

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More than 50 Holocaust Nazis traced in Canada

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A NEW YORK-based private detective yesterday claimed to have taped confessions from 58 alleged former Nazis in Canada, many of whom appeared to be guilty of actively taking part in the Holocaust.

Steve Rambam, a bullish private eye who has worked for the US Government, said that he posed as a history professor from a non-existent college in Belize and went knocking on the doors of former German soldiers who are now living in Canada. He secretly tape-recorded their conversations.

Mr Rambam claims that what he found was the equivalent of the communities of old Nazis who fled to South America after the Second World War.

His claims, broadcast in Jerusalem yesterday on Israeli television and to be detailed in today's *Jerusalem Post*, were attacked by one leading Jewish group as "mock heroics" but are likely to revive debate about official attitudes by past Canadian governments to former members of Hitler's armed forces.

Mr Rambam claimed that he found several of the alleged war criminals living in predominantly Jewish neighbourhoods of Montreal and Ottawa. One man, who talked openly about killing Jews in the war, was renting out the top floor of his house to a young rabbi and his family.

Hitler: hidden disciples

"They must think it is a good place to hide," he said.

Of 62 people he approached, only four denied their wartime identities, and seven gave detailed accounts of personal involvement in the deaths of Jews, he claimed.

Renata Skotnicka-Zadjman, a leading member of Canada's Jewish community, reacted to the story with shock yesterday. "We have suspected that there were a lot of them, but oh my God," she said, on hearing where the suspects lived.

Mr Rambam, 39, added that many of the names of the suspects had long been known to the leading Nazi-hunting organisation, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, but to his surprise they had not acted.

The Toronto branch of the Wiesenthal organisation last night agreed that it had known many names, but accused Mr Rambam of "bad timing". Sol Littman, head of the Wiesenthal Centre in Ottawa, said that 3,000 Nazi war criminals entered Canada after the war, mostly between 1946 and 1951. He claimed that some of them were admitted after they had helped Allied intelligence operations against Communists.

Mr Rambam started his investigation with a list of 1,000 names. He discovered that 40 were dead, but he has already managed to trace 250 of what he calls "the worst cases".

One of Mr Rambam's interviewees, Antanas Kenstavicius of Hope, British Columbia, is facing deportation from Canada for alleged war crimes while police chief in Svencionys, Lithuania, in the early 1940s.

Mr Rambam, posing as Professor Salvatore Romano of the fictitious St Paul's University of the Americas in Belize and accompanied by two Israeli journalists, interviewed Mr Kenstavicius.

According to a tape produced by Mr Rambam, Mr Kenstavicius described the shooting of numerous Jews in Ignalina, Lithuania, during a six-day period. "Bang! And they fall down," he appears to say on the tape in his broken English. "Some time, repeat. Bang, bang! And they all fall in ditch. All the day. After, there're no mens. Than the womens in separate camp. Separate barracks. The kids go with the wives."

Some of the men, apparently not suspecting that "Professor Romano" was anything but genuine, posed for photographs beside their wartime uniforms and provided yellowing snapshots of themselves in the 1940s.

Jewish groups have long criticised past Canadian governments for allegedly accommodating, or at least not prosecuting, former Nazis.

☐ **Rome:** A military judge yesterday ordered the release from house arrest of Karl Hass, 84, a former SS major suspected of involvement in the massacre of 335 men and boys at the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome in March 1944, and ruled that his case should instead be considered by the civil judiciary. *(Reuter)*

Germany will keep open its investigation centre for Nazi war crimes for as long as there are cases to be prosecuted, Ulrich Goll, the Justice Minister for Baden-Wüttemberg, said. The 16 federal states had decided at a Bonn meeting to maintain the centre near Stuttgart.

The centre's future was in doubt because the number of Nazi trials has fallen and Albert Stein, a former director, died this year. ***(Reuter)***

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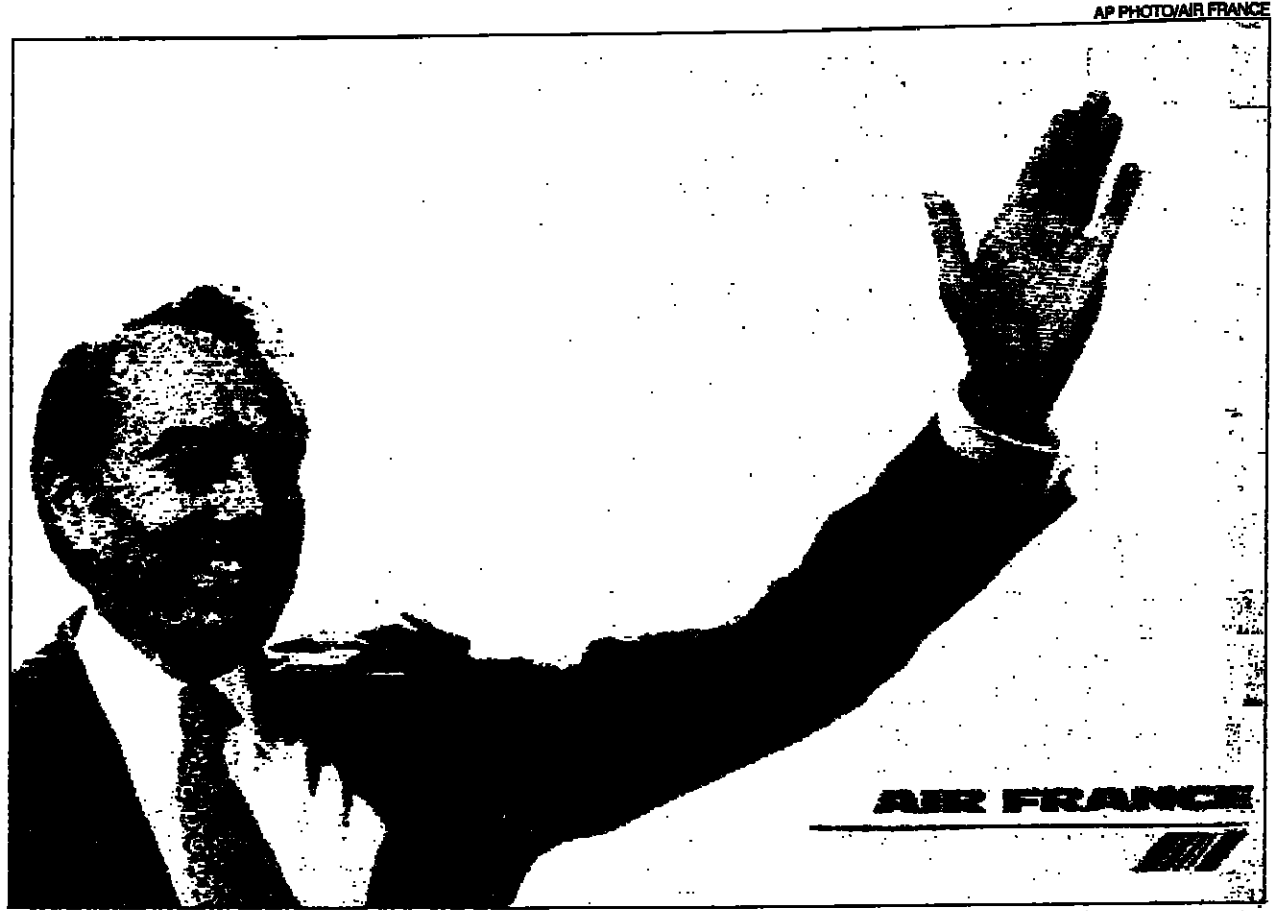

The advertisement promotes a weekend to Paris for those "with nothing to do" — a Bob Dole remark after his poll defeat

Jobless Dole flies flag for the French

FROM IAN BRODIE
IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE said if he failed to win the White House he would just go home, but his losing campaign has led to another role — batting for Air France.

A photograph of Mr Dole, smiling and waving, appeared in advertisements for the airline in six major American newspapers yesterday. The laconically succinct headline asks: "Not doing anything?" The text promoted low fares from the United States for a long weekend in Paris. It said: "If you have a little extra time on your hands, there's never been a better reason for a getaway to Paris . . . "

The idea was inspired by the comment Mr Dole made in his concession speech after losing his presidential bid. He said: "Tomorrow will be the first time in my life I don't have anything to do."

Alan Blum, president of a New York advertising agency, nervously sent his idea to Washington, seeking permission to use it. Word came back the advertisement was on Mr Dole's desk and he was laughing. Better still, he was happy to go along with the joke.

Mr Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, turned down free round-trip tickets to Paris on Concorde, not part of the special offer to the public, as payment. Instead they asked that a donation of $3,000 (£1,800) be made to their favourite charity, which provides housing and day care for the low-income elderly in Washington. The sum was extremely modest, given the spin-off publicity for Air France.

German fury over Iran death threats

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY, Europe's main champion of "critical dialogue" with Iran, was yesterday close to abandoning its conciliatory policies after death threats against German prosecutors.

The dispute between Tehran and Bonn has become poisonous. Every day this week about 1,000 supporters of the radical Hezbollah group have besieged the German Embassy in Tehran; almost 300 German expatriates in the country have been advised to stay at home.

The latest threat comes from clerics in the holy Iranian city of Qom, who said that the German prosecutors should be condemned in the same way as Salman Rushdie, the novelist, unless they apologised to Iran.

Prosecutors in Berlin have accused the Iranian regime of steering a hit team that murdered three Kurdish dissident leaders in a restaurant in the city. The verdict is due in January and the Iranian Government is clearly trying to exert as much pressure as it can to secure the acquittal of the five defendants.

But the efforts have backfired. Carl-Dieter Spranger, the Development Minister, yesterday became the first German Cabinet minister to call publicly for an end to "critical dialogue". He said: "Iran's state terrorism against those who think differently has once again emerged as a result of this trial. The death threats against representatives of German justice are intolerable and show how the Tehran regime tramples on human rights. This removes any basis for so-called critical dialogue."

This policy, agreed at the Edinburgh summit in 1992, was aimed at keeping lines of communication open with Tehran and using that leverage to gain human rights concessions. Yet very little seems to have been achieved: the fatwa against Rushdie remains in force, and there are no signs of Iran restraining militant groups.

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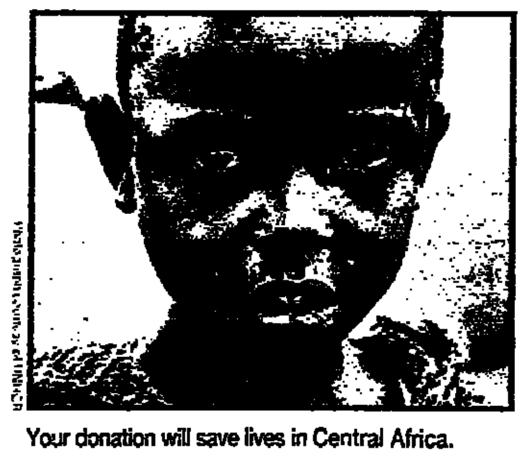

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CHRIS HARRIS

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, offered a tantalising glimpse of plans for the Budget yesterday. They went back in the famous red case until Tuesday

Safeway store openings to create 5,200 jobs

By Sarah Cunningham

SAFEWAY, the supermarket chain that cut its staff numbers 18 months ago, is to create 5,200 jobs through its store opening programme, the company said yesterday.

Since cutting about 5,000 jobs, the company has added 3,200 to its pay roll. After the new round of hirings, which will take place over two years, it expects to have added a net 3,000 staff over a three-year period. This will take its total number of staff to more than 70,000. Around 65 per cent of the new jobs being created will be part-time.

The news follows an announcement earlier this month by Marks & Spencer that it is creating 2,000 new positions. By contrast Kwik Save, the discount supermarket chain, has revealed plans to shed 1,900 staff.

Safeway, which in profit terms is the third largest supermarket chain behind Tesco and J Sainsbury and ahead of Asda, is to open ten superstores in the second half of this year, on top of seven opened in the first half. It then aims to open about 15 next year, adding around 450,000 square feet in total.

The company yesterday reported an 7 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £228 million in the six months ended October 12.

This was in line with City expectations but nonetheless triggered some upgraded forecasts, with UBS shifting from £430 million to £440 million for the full year and NatWest Markets also upping its forecast to £440 million from £432.5 million.

Safeway's like-for-like sales grew 5.1 per cent — close to the sector average — while sales from new space added a further 5.2 per cent growth, taking total sales to £3.5 billion. The petrol price war, which has now abated, knocked £10 million of forecourt profits.

In the first five weeks of the second half, like-for-like sales were 5 per cent ahead. The company said food inflation in the period has been subdued but said it considered the second half had started well.

Colin Smith, chief executive, said that after a trial at its Reigate store, the Safeway self payment system which allows customers to pay for goods without queuing at tills is to be rolled out to all the 100 stores fitted with its Shop & Go system. Shop & Go is designed to speed the shopping process by allowing customers to scan and register the price of goods they pick up as they go around the store. Mr Smith said that there had been less theft than the company had feared resulting from the scheme.

The company is running a trial in Basildon, Essex, of a convenience store at a BP station. The joint venture set up by the two companies plans to open on some 100 sites within three years.

Gross margins, excluding petrol, were 0.1 per cent down in the first half and remain under pressure because of the company's response to competitors' price campaigns, such as Tesco's Unbeatable Value. However, efficiency savings meant the net margin was stable at 6.9 per cent.

Sales per square foot reached £14.63, close to the £15 target the company set for itself 18 months ago and which it did not expect to achieve for another 18 months. Safeway's ABC loyalty card has now attracted 5.6 million users, the company revealed.

Earnings per share are 9 per cent ahead at 14.5p while the interim dividend has also been boosted 9 per cent to 4.4p. It is payable on February 10.

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MPs attack Rothschild role in coal sell-off

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

THE all-party Public Accounts Committee yesterday attacked the Department of Trade over the coal sell-off. The MPs also questioned a £2.5 million success fee for NM Rothschild, the merchant bank handling the privatisation, and complained that insolvency investigations into a company involving the brother of the successful bidder were not considered.

The role of Rothschild has already attracted controversy because of the appointment of Lord Wakeham to its board as non-executive director last year. Lord Wakeham was Energy Secretary from 1989 to 1992 when he paved the way for the privatisation of British Coal. He joined Rothschild just six months after leaving the Cabinet. Rothschild was appointed to advise the Government on the future of the coal industry in 1991.

The committee of MPs attacked payments to NM Rothschild, the merchant bank, which received £9.1 million in fees and a £2.5 million success bonus. The conditions for the success bonus were agreed after two conditions had been completed by Rothschild.

The committee expressed concern that although the timetable for the sale process had been agreed by the autumn of 1993, the "success criteria were not formally agreed until June 1994 by which time two of the stages which had been used as the basis for the success fee criteria had been completed".

Rothschild was given the full remit for the privatisation after completing preliminary work. Other potential banking advisers were not invited to tender for the full process or to set out their charges.

The committee expressed concern about the lack of fee comparisons between bankers and the structure of the success bonus paid to Rothschild which did not seem to be based on an hourly rate.

Rothschild valued British Coal's three English businesses at between £371 million and £538 million. RJB Mining, which bought all three of the English businesses that British Coal had been split into, paid £815 million, having originally bid £914 million. Although RJB revised down its bid in the process, other unpreferred bidders were not told of this and had no opportunity to enter the race at an advanced stage.

The committee said that RJB had been prepared to pay a higher premium to get all three and that such an approach should have been anticipated.

The DTI was criticised because insolvency investigations mounted against Richard Budge, the head of RJB, were not highlighted by insolvency staff to DTI officials handling the sale. The Insolvency Service, which comes under the DTI, had been investigating Mr. Budge for his part in AF Budge, his brother Tony's business. The committee said it was "surprised that, at the time the preferred bidder was appointed, the officials in the department who conducted the sale were unaware of the Insolvency Service's investigation". No evidence was found against Richard Budge.

The DTI has since amended its guidelines so that officials are required to check the credentials of bidders for privatisations with the Insolvency Service.

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BUSINESS TODAY

FTSE 100	3953.8	(-9.0)
Yield	4.01%	
FTSE All share	1945.1	(-3.47)
Nikkei	21143.34	(-46.62)
New York:		
Dow Jones	6405.05	(-24.97)*
S&P Composite	741.96	(-1.99)*
Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5⅜%)
Long Bond	101¼*	(101 5/32)
Yield	6.41%*	(6.41%)
3-mth interbank	6 11/32%	(6 11/32%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	110 11/16	(110¼)
New York:		
$	1.6890*	(1.6810)
London:		
$	1.6898	(1.6773)
DM	2.5330	(2.5120)
FFr	8.5844	(8.4965)
SFr	2.1404	(2.1232)
Yen	188.11	(186.46)
£ Index	92.8	(92.0)
London:		
DM	1.4980*	(1.4950)
FFr	5.0818*	(5.0622)
SFr	1.2665*	(1.2657)
Yen	111.40*	(111.53)
$ Index	95.9	(95.9)

Tokyo close Yen 111.60

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$22.85	($22.00)
London close	$376.55	($379.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Storehouse up

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Payout cut

Babcock International, the engineering group, is halving its interim dividend payment despite a small recovery in first-half profits. Page 32

Consumer spending at highest since 1989

By Alasdair Murray

CONSUMER spending is at it highest since 1989, according to data published yesterday, increasing City pressure on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to resist making sweeping tax cuts in next week's Budget.

The revised figures for third-quarter gross domestic product show that quarterly consumer spending increased by 1.1 per cent, taking the annual rate to 3.3 per cent.

Separate data, also published yesterday, found that the balance of payments surplus in the second quarter was larger than expected, at £792 million — the strongest trading performance for ten years.

The data sent the pound soaring. Sterling's trade weighted index closed up 0.8 at 92.8 after the pound gained more than a cent against the dollar to close at $1.6892 and over two pfennigs against the mark to finish at DM2.5326.

Quarterly GDP growth remained unrevised at 0.8 per cent but annual growth for the third quarter was revised upwards to 2.4 per cent from 2.3 per cent.

Capital investment fell by 2.2 per cent in the third quarter, prompting concern among economists that the gap between consumer demand and investment is widening, increasing the chances of an acceleration in inflation.

There was also a worrying rise in the GDP deflator, a government measure for inflation factored into GDP, which increased to an annual level of 2.9 per cent. But stockbuilding made a positive contribution of 0.2 per cent in the third quarter after destocking knocked 1.2 per cent off GDP in the previous quarter.

A&L group threatens £100m exit

THE Alliance & Leicester Building Society has accused an action group opposing its plans for conversion of using shock tactics after the group's members threatened to withdraw £100 million of savings (Caroline Merrell writes).

The group, headed by Patrick Mountain, a retired former agent of the society, is objecting to A&L's proposals that most members should get a flat distribution of 250 shares, worth about £1,000. The group wants those with bigger savings to receive more shares.

Mr Mountain claims that 1,200 members are planning to withdraw their savings after the meeting to vote on conversion on December 10.

A society spokesman said: "This seems like a pretty mean-spirited action ... £1,000 means a great deal to a lot of people."

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Japan closes down commercial bank

From Robert Whymant in Tokyo

JAPANESE authorities yesterday closed down an insolvent regional bank crippled by bad loans — the first time an ordinary commercial bank was ordered to halt operations since the war.

Anxious depositors rushed to branches of the Hanwa Bank, a second tier bank based in Osaka and Wakayama prefectures in western Japan, but panic was averted by a government promise that all deposits would be secured.

The Ministry of Finance said it suspended all business at the Hanwa Bank apart from deposit withdrawals because its bad loans far exceeded total capital. The problem loans totalled 190 billion yen (£1 billion), compared with total capital of Y20.3 billion yen.

The loans piled up during the 1980s' soaring property prices. With the collapse in land values, Hanwa was saddled with massive loans that were impossible to recover.

Last year Japan suffered its first bank failure since the war when Hyogo Bank became a casualty. Another small regional bank went under this year. Ten credit unions and one credit association have also failed since December 1994.

Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, the Finance Minister, said yesterday that Hanwa's failure ought not to cause anxiety about the stability of Japan's financial system overall. He said the bank's operations would be shifted to a new bank for the purpose of winding up Hanwa's business using the deposit insurance system.

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Insurers fear ruling on fidelity policies

By Jon Ashworth

INSURERS have reacted with alarm to an appeal court ruling that threatens to increase dramatically the sums payable under fidelity policies — those which protect against alleged fraud and dishonesty at companies.

The ruling, stemming from the collapse of the late Robert Maxwell's media empire, could lead to insurers paying out to the policy limit for each of a company's subsidiaries, instead of being restricted to one claim. Insurers have been urged to study policy terms.

The alleged plundering of company pension funds featured strongly in the case of New Hampshire Insurance and others vs Maxwell Communication Corporation (MCC), which turned on fidelity insurance taken out by the company. The appeal court ruling raises the possibility that insurers could be liable for multiple limits of indemnity. It is possible that multiple limits of indemnity may be triggered in cases where policies have been incorrectly worded, or where more than one of the insured has suffered loss.

Alan Fisher, partner in the insurance industry group at Dibb Lupton Alsop, said: "This shows that insurers are vulnerable to multiple liability. There is a costly lesson unfolding in front of their eyes, saying 'get the documents right'."

Bates bemoans penalty for sparing Hoddle pitch

By Jason Nisse

GLENN HODDLE, the England football manager, insisted on changes to the redevelopment of Chelsea Football Club's Stamford Bridge ground that cost its parent company, Chelsea Village, at least £15 million, Ken Bates, chairman of Chelsea, said yesterday.

Mr Bates told Chelsea Village's annual meeting that plans to redevelop Stamford Bridge's south and west stands involved reducing the width of the pitch to the minimum allowed by international football regulations.

"Our then manager, Mr Hoddle objected, saying it was not in keeping with the style of play he wanted or whatever," Mr Bates said, adding that the changes to the plans caused by the extra five metres added to the pitch cost between £15 million and £20 million.

Mr Bates said that Mr Hoddle had since left to manage "some other team", meaning England, "which all goes to show you should not make decisions on short-term considerations".

The Stamford Bridge redevelopment is to cost £60 million. Around £30 million of this is still to be raised; Mr Bates said that he had been approached by a number of investors. Chelsea is building a 160-room hotel, 34 flats, a banqueting suite, shops and offices. "It will be the most overcrowded 12 acres in the world," said Mr Bates.

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Manufacturing is on the mend, says CBI

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S manufacturers are continuing to recover as company order books return to normal, new evidence from the Confederation of British Industry suggests today.

With manufacturing continuing to underperform the rest of the economy, the improvement recorded by the CBI will please ministers in advance of Tuesday's Budget.

In its latest monthly trends survey, the CBI shows that 24 per cent of the 1,100 manufacturing companies examined say that their order books are above normal, and the same proportion below normal — a net balance between the two of zero per cent.

However, flat orders mark a recovery in manufacturing, the survey suggests, after negative net balances of minus 9 per cent in the previous two monthly surveys, and bigger negative figures before that. Overall, the latest figure is the most positive recorded by the CBI since August last year.

However, export orders remain weak, with a net -5 per cent of firms reporting orders to be below normal. Although this is a slight improvement on the previous figures of -7 and -11 per cent, CBI leaders are sceptical about the total, since the recent strengthening of sterling is likely to worsen the position of exporters.

Price expectations are continuing to increase as manufacturing recovery improves, sending some warning signals about inflation. Manufacturers expect domestic prices to rise over the next four months, with a net balance of 8 per cent of firms suggesting that average prices will rise.

Firms' expectations on prices have risen since September after a downward trend in the first half of this year, but CBI economists suggest that seasonal factors may be coming into play.

A net 21 per cent of firms forecast increased output, confirming a more positive trend in expectations since mid-year.

☐ The CBI yesterday set out ideas aimed at ensuring that London is Europe's "most successful city" by 2020, including increasing manufacturing's contribution to the capital's economy from 13 per cent to 20 per cent. Anthony Fuller, CBI London region chairman, said: "This new report sets the aim of making London the global centre of wealth creation."

Ibstock replaces Hopkins

IBSTOCK, the brick manufacturer that last week replaced its chief executive, yesterday removed Anthony Hopkins after two months as head of Ibstock Building Products. Philip Mengel, who has taken over from Ian Maclellan as Ibstock's chief executive, will now assume Mr Hopkins's responsibilities.

An Ibstock spokesman said that Mr Hopkins "felt his position was untenable". Mr Mengel, 52, described the reason for Mr Hopkins' departure as "just a policy difference over the role of the chief executive... there was a demarcation dispute". They are understood to have disagreed over who should oversee the Redland-Tarmac integration, which will involve restructurings and redundancies.

FirstBus home

FirstBus has been selected as the preferred bidder for the Great Eastern Railways passenger rail franchise, it was announced to the Stock Exchange last night. John O'Brien, the Franchising Director, is expected to make a formal announcement next month, followed by a handover of the service early in the new year. FirstBus beat a bid from National Express. The service out of Liverpool Street Station is seen to have long-term stable prospects because 70 per cent of the passengers hold season tickets.

TV agreement

United News & Media has emerged as the winner for Westcountry Television, the ITV company in Devon and Cornwall. It is believed to have agreed to buy Westcountry for about £80 million from the owners, the Daily Mail & General Trust, Brittany Ferries and Southwest Water, in a deal that will give it near blanket coverage of the ITV market in the far South West.

Storehouse rings up a surprise at halfway

By Clare Stewart

PETER TRIEVNOR

Keith Edelman, chief executive, was in a festive mood after a successful first half

BOOMING overseas franchise sales and a stronger contribution from British Home Stores helped Storehouse, the retail group, to better-than-expected results for the first half.

Excluding exceptional items, pre-tax profits rose 13 per cent to £37.5 million on turnover ahead by 14 per cent to £590.5 million.

Keith Edelman, group chief executive, said that it had been "a successful first half, with excellent progress in each sector". Earnings per share rose 15 per cent to 6.1p before exceptionals, while the interim dividend was increased 10 per cent to 3.3p.

A key feature of the first six months was the acquisition of the Childrens World group, from Boots in May. Exceptional costs in the first half included £16.4 million arising from the integration of the chain.

Childrens World contributed sales of £45.7 million, which were up 6 per cent on a comparable period last year, and operating profits of £1.1 million.

Storehouse has now opened four of the new style out-of-town Mothercare World stores, with rebranding of the Childrens World stores due to begin in early 1997.

Including Childrens World, operating profits at Mothercare rose 19 per cent to £11.1 million. Like-for-like sales fell by 2 per cent, affected by lower sales of childrens wear. Mr Edelman said the sales figures nonetheless showed an improvement on the previous quarter.

The overall 5 per cent increase in Mothercare turnover came entirely from the increased sales to the franchised Mothercare outlets overseas.

At Bhs, like-for-like sales rose 3 per cent, with the contribution from new outlets and overseas stores lifting the total sales increase to 7 per cent. Operating profit rose 21 per cent to £25.1 million.

All divisions improved sales, with menswear and home products leading the way. The group has continued trials of its "millennium design" which it says has lifted sales and will be introduced to all new Bhs stores.

Total franchise sales in the first half rose by 38 per cent to £47 million, accounting for 8 per cent of group turnover. New Mothercare and Bhs franchised outlets were opened in new markets such as Russia, Israel and Lebanon and by the year end the total number of shops is expected to reach 200. Four more Bhs stores are due to open in the second half together with four Mothercare outlets and two Mothercare World sites. Capital expenditure for the year is estimated at £110 million.

UK gross margins increased in both Bhs and Mothercare. Across the group margins slipped, reflecting the impact of lower-margin sales at Childrens World and sales to franchise outlets at wholesale prices.

Analysts are forecasting full year profits of £126 million, and a dividend of 8.3p.

Price deal by Energy to ensure stability

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH ENERGY, the nuclear generator, has struck a deal with Southern Electric for energy supplies stretching over 15 years. The move will ensure price stability for more than 15 per cent of its output, and is designed primarily to shield the generator from fluctuating electricity prices.

Announcing a drop in pretax losses for the half year yesterday, British Energy gave warning that the price of electricity was likely to fall. As British Energy operates in an area of power production that is unable to set prices, it is vulnerable to price fluctuation. It can protect itself by hedging contracts but such devices prevented the company from enjoying the benefits of the unexpectedly high trading price of electricity in recent months.

British Energy faces further uncertainty if there is a change of government, with Labour saying the privileged status of nuclear in the electricity industry — that it is the last form of generation to be called off the system — could be reviewed. But Bob Hawley, chief executive, dismissed it as technically unworkable.

In the past six months the company suffered a £26 million cost in lost revenue and repairs from problems with the two reactors shut down amid a storm of controversy days before privatisation of the company, and hours after individual investors had submitted their applications.

But British Energy said it was on course to make a profit in its full financial year. In the six months to September 30 it lost £53 million, compared with a pro forma loss of £169 million for the same period last year. Output rose 12 per cent after improvements in production efficiency at its power stations.

But the company, which last month announced 1,400 job losses, gave a warning that future improvements in capacity at its generators could only be modest.

An interim dividend of 4.6p is payable on January 28.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

London 'will remain major finance centre'

LONDON will retain its position as one of the three major global financial centres, regardless of whether Britain joins the European Monetary Union (EMU), according to a senior Bank of England director. John Townend, deputy director of the Bank, told a City & Financial conference in London yesterday: "London's particular strengths, which have proved attractive over the years, remain in place quite unaffected by EMU — the English language, the convenient time zone, availability in abundance of relevant trading and banking skills, the unbureaucratic regulatory framework, the technological infrastructure, and the critical mass of so diverse a range of markets and financial and ancillary services available in one place."

Mr Townend's speech on London's position in the global trading cycle regardless of the EMU follows one earlier this week by Ian Plenderleith, fellow director of the Bank of England, on the same subject.

Merry Glenmorangie

GEOFFREY MADDRELL, chairman of Glenmorangie, yesterday predicted the whisky company would enjoy a happy Christmas and said that there were signs of improved price stability in the drinks market. Mr Maddrell's positive comments helped Glenmorangie 'A' shares to rise 55p to a closing all-time high of 815p. There was a 7 per cent increase in half year pre-tax profits to £4.3 million. Overall turnover rose 26 per cent to £23 million. The 'A' share and 'B' share interim dividends were increased by 10 per cent to 3.025p and 1.513p respectively, payable on January 15, 1997.

NSM warns of loss

SHARES of NSM plunged from 42½p to a five-year low of 23p yesterday, as the mining company gave warning that interest on its spiralling debt would force it to return a halfway loss. The company, profitable for the last three years, is to sell its US operations to combat the £95 million debt but expects to receive substantially less than asset value. John Jermine, chairman, said trading should pick up substantially next year as its deep mine in South Wales reaches full capacity. After the US disposals NSM will be left with its principal deep mine in South Wales and another 12 opencast mines.

DBS profit soars 109%

DBS Management, the financial and business services group based in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, has announced half-year pre-tax profits up 109 per cent, to £2.7 million, with turnover up 59 per cent, to £53.8 million. The interim dividend has been increased 71 per cent, to 6p per share, while earnings per share have jumped 74 per cent to 22.5p. DBS shares, which are quoted on AIM, rose 40p to 495p in reponse to the news. Martin Greenwood, chief executive, said that the company hoped to be able to seek a full stock market quotation before the end of its financial year on March 31.

Royal plea for help

THE PRINCE OF WALES yesterday urged the business community to give its backing to the new Gifts in Kind charity and "make a big difference to people's lives". The new venture will act as a clearing house through which donations in kind, rather than in cash, can be matched to the most suitable charity. The charity has already received £177,000 from the National Lottery and has signed up the support of Lloyds TSB Group, which provides office space for the charity; Disney Stores; TNT, the transport group; Hewlett Packard; and IBM.

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Macdonald Hotels up

MACDONALD HOTELS said yesterday that it was looking forward with confidence as the company unveiled a two-thirds increase in half-year profits before tax to £4.6 million. The company added five hotels during the first part of the year, increasing its rooms to 1,420 in 22 hotels. Overall turnover increased 25 per cent to £19.2 million. The hotel division increased profits, excluding exceptionals, 15 per cent to £4.5 million. A maiden interim dividend of 1.5p is payable on January 9.

Car Group worth £43m

THE CAR GROUP, bought by its management for £25 million in March, will be valued at £43 million when it joins the stock exchange next Thursday. The company has raised £14.5 million from the flotation, which it will use to buy out its original backers. The flotation will make Martyn Doherty, its managing director, a paper millionaire by valuing his stake at £2.6 million. Richard Farr, chairman, and Peter King, chief executive, will also share a stake worth £4.95 million. Charterhouse Tilney is placing 15 million shares at 138p each.

Lowndes Lambert slips

LOWNDES LAMBERT GROUP, the international insurance broker, said worldwide rates had continued to fall or remain flat as it unveiled a £1 million fall in interim pre-tax profits to £5 million. Although markets in the UK, United States, Europe and other overseas divisions had been tough, the group was maintaining its interim at 2.9. Group turnover was up 11 per cent to £40.4 million (£36.4 million) and the interim results included the cost of restructuring, some job losses, the introduction of new technology and acquisitions.

Robert Wiseman ahead

ROBERT WISEMAN DAIRIES yesterday said that it is under tough pricing pressure from its supermarket customers as it reported a rise in first-half pre-tax profits, from £4.6 million to £6.1 million. The company has increased the interim dividend from 1p to 1.15p out of earnings up from 4.47p to 5.47p. Alan Wiseman, the chairman, said: "We have experienced increased margin pressure in the second half year, in particular, as a result of weak bulk cream prices and the ever competitive multiple retailer sector."

Morgan unit trusts to be run from Germany

By Robert Miller and Caroline Merrell

DEUTSCHE BANK, the German owner of Morgan Grenfell, delivered a humiliating blow to its London unit trust arm yesterday when it announced that it was transferring the supervisory role of the UK unit trust company to Frankfurt.

On September 1 Morgan Grenfell was forced to suspend dealings in three of its European unit trusts after alleged irregularities were uncovered by Imro, the watchdog for fund managers.

Peter Young, manager of two of the funds, was suspended from his duties at Morgan Grenfell and subsequently sacked. He is now the subject of an investigation by the Serious Fraud Office. Deutsche Bank was forced to inject about £180 million into the three trusts before trading in units resumed. Last month, seven senior Morgan Grenfell executives, including Keith Percy, the chief executive, left the company.

The German bank had already hinted that it would shift the supervisory role of the unit trusts, but not the cash or day-to-day management, to head office.

Morgan Grenfell in London and Imro its regulator had no advance warning of yesterday's announcement, however, and both expressed surprise, and in the case of the watchdog "considerable concern".

Phillip Thorpe, chief executive of Imro, said: "Any physical separation of related management or compliance functions is not ideal. In some circumstances it may not be acceptable. We have yet to receive any request from Deutsche Morgan Grenfell on this matter."

Investors with a total of £1.1 billion in three unit trusts have yet to hear any details of the compensation they could be offered.

Deutsche Bank has pledged to compensate for any "losses resulting from irregularities". It has said it will treat those remaining invested with Morgan Grenfell in the same way as those who sold after the problems were uncovered.

Lloyds TSB property auction raises £40 million

Bankable assets sell on the nod

By Martin Baker

THE charming man behind the gilded podium in the ballroom of the Hyde Park Hotel cajoled one of the 300-or-so investors present: "Just nod, sir. It's easier than shaking your head." And seconds later the TSB in Taunton town centre was knocked down to a happy buyer for a cool £1.2 million — on the nod.

The sale of 108 branches of the Lloyds Bank TSB network yesterday was, according to John Townsend of Healey & Baker, the auctioneer, "the largest lot sale of property in Britain". It also attracted investors from Germany, the United States and Republic of Ireland, who helped to spend just over £40 million on 19 sites in Scotland, and others spread around Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham and the South West.

The freehold and long leasehold properties went with a guarantee of 15 years' income. The Lloyds Bank leases guarantee investors that the bank will stay put for at least that term, while the TSB leases allow for some sub-letting but guarantee that the TSB will remain responsible for the rent. Prices typically started out at a multiple of ten times the annual income, with the more expensive properties offering a better yield.

The TSB in Fore Street, Taunton, currently provides an income of £120,000. But the next lot, a Lloyds Bank branch in Retford, Nottinghamshire, offered a more modest 8.75 per cent yield of £35,000 for a purchase price of £400,000.

Given the attractive yields on offer, investment analysts might wonder what Lloyds TSB knows that the rest of the world does not. Why diminish exposure to a sought-after property market? The answer, according to a Lloyds/TSB spokesman is cashflow. "By selling the properties we simply free up our capital." But that still begs the question of what will be done with the money.

One thing seems certain, however. If there are similar sales, investor interest is likely to intensify. When asked in the hotel cloakroom whether she had got what she came for, a fur-coated woman insisted that she had come only to observe as representative of German private investors. If there were another auction, would she return? She nodded.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.17	2.01
Austria Sch	18.67	17.47
Belgium Fr	54.71	50.81
Canada $	2.352	2.192
Cyprus Cyp£	0.797	0.742
Denmark Kr	10.22	9.42
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.50
France Fr	8.90	8.25
Germany Dm	2.67	2.46
Greece Dr	412	387
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.60
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel Shk	5.74	5.09
Italy Lira	2616	2461
Japan Yen	201.50	185.50
Malta	0.632	0.577
Netherlds Gld	2.988	2.738
New Zealand $	2.50	2.28
Norway Kr	11.13	10.33
Portugal Esc	265.00	246.50
S Africa Rd	8.38	7.58
Spain Pta	217.50	204.50
Sweden Kr	11.71	10.91
Switzerland Fr	2.26	2.08
Turkey Lira	172000	164880
USA $	1.776	1.636

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☐ Questions for Rothschild from the PAC ☐ Tokyo lets Hanwa sink ☐ Customer protest unlikely to shake society

Miner earthquake, public loses out

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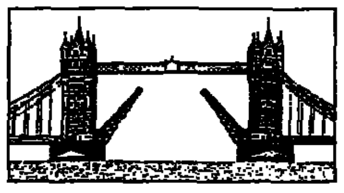

☐ ON a Richter Scale of government mishandling of public assets, the findings of the Public Accounts Committee into the sale last year of British Coal probably rate about a three — a minor tremor, a few shaken reputations but no structural damage.

The main concern relates to NM Rothschild, the bank that cornered the market in privatisation work on behalf of the Government. A side issue was the involvement of Richard Budge, the eventual buyer of large chunks of British Coal, in an inquiry into the financial affairs of his brother, which was not notified to those selling the coal industry. As Mr Budge was cleared of any wrongdoing, this is more a failure of communication between officials than anything more sinister.

As to Rothschilds, the valuations the bank provided for Britain's coal industry proved hopelessly short of the mark. The bank was first appointed to look at coal in 1991. At the time Lord Wakeham was Secretary of State for Energy, and paved the way for the sell-off of the coal industry, not least through overseeing the earlier privatisation of the electricity industry.

Lord Wakeham trundled off to the House of Lords in 1992, leaving the Government entirely in July 1994. Just six months later he popped up as non-executive director at Rothschilds, a part-time job that delivers pocket money of £50,000. His appointment led to calls for rules to stem the flow of ex-ministers into jobs with companies that they helped privatise.

The bank was criticised by the committee for the value it put on Britain's coalmines, some of which went on to deliver wondrously high profits for Mr Budge and the £2.5 million success bonus paid based on some criteria which Rothschilds had already achieved — easy money, in other words.

British Coal, like virtually every other privatisation, was sold off too cheaply. The trouble with valuations like the one provided by Rothschilds is that they tend to set a guide price on assets, rather than making the buyer do the work. The cosy links between Government and City are unavoidable, as the rules are at present. Lord Wakeham would hardly have gone to such a prestigious bank had he been in charge of the arts or tourism. He was allowed to go, and they wanted him there.

Lucky Richard Budge. We have all wondered at the unexpected success of RJB, and now we need wonder no more. He was sold the business too cheap. Again, no blame attaches to him. The real blame attaches to those unnamed officials at the Department of Trade and Industry who allowed themselves to be legged over by the City. Again.

Japan breaks the bank

☐ THERE is an old joke on Japan's monolithic politics that has the American occupying forces explaining that a mature liberal democracy is two-sided, with a government and an opposition. The Japanese go away and create just such a system — and so it remains for decades, the same government and the same opposition. The financial world in Japan, also drawn up by the Americans along American lines, was similarly ossified — hence the need for a Japanese Big Bang to prevent further loss of market share to other, less-regulated Asian exchanges, such as Hong Kong and Singapore.

Less regulation means more risk, and this requires the odd business to founder. The decision to cut loose a small regional bank in Osaka, rather than rallying round other banks to provide buoyancy until the business floated back to the surface of its own accord, is a further move in the direction of bringing Japanese financial services into line with the rest of the world.

If the Ministry of Finance goes through with its stated intention to allow Hanwa Bank of Osaka to go under, this should strengthen most of the remaining players in Japan's financial system and boost the credibility of the authorities. Only most, though; some analysts are convinced that the new policy will mean a third of Japanese financial institutions will cease to exist in their current form.

Under plans put in place in the spring, all deposits at financial institutions will be protected for a period of five years, until 2001 when the Big Bang is due to hit, during which time the aim is to encourage the principle of self-responsibility and expand the disclosure of information.

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, was in Japan 11 months ago, oddly enough. He told banks there that a stainless steel safety net designed to save all who suffer would merely encourage higher and higher-risk strategies by institutions that were guaranteed not to fail no matter how daft their actions, until the rescue costs became too high and the system collapsed. The Japanese have now been forced to heed his advice.

All over at A&L bar withdrawals

☐ MY brief note last week likening those customers of the Alliance & Leicester unhappy with the bonuses coming with conversion to ungrateful paupers squabbling over charity handouts has prompted a response from readers quite out of proportion to its length. The issue has aroused an unexpected degree of passion.

The rebel customers are threatening to withdraw £100 million in protest. As the society has assets of more than £23 billion, this is not going to make the pillars of this particular temple crumble. There is something deeply unedifying about already wealthy people resorting to such tactics in return for a bob or two more. But let us try to look at the matter dispassionately.

A&L customers are indeed its ultimate owners, just as shareholders own the company. The parallel ends there. Each share, by law, carries the same rights: the more shares, the greater the control. The same does not apply to each pound invested in society accounts, any more than customers in a clearing bank have rights that increase along with their bank balances.

Second, the bonuses on conversion are not a "return" on an "investment" — this comes in the form of interest paid on those balances. They are designed to compensate members for the loss of mutual status. As this is indivisible, a sliding scale of compensation is only applicable when this system benefits the majority of members. This does not apply in the A&L's case: instead, because of the large number of small investors, an equal payout to all is the more utilitarian approach.

It seems clear that a sufficient majority of A&L customers have already voted in favour of the terms on offer. That would seem to settle the matter.

Glaxo buys full control of Japanese joint venture

By Eric Reguly

GLAXO WELLCOME put itself in position yesterday to attack the Japanese pharmaceuticals market on its own by taking full control of its biggest Japanese joint venture for about £361 million.

The deal marks the end of more than four decades of collaboration with the Konishi family, which owned half of Nippon Glaxo, the joint venture. Glaxo had been trying to buy the Konishi stake for some time because of the family's apparent resistance to make significant investments in the business, analysts said.

Glaxo would not comment on its relationship with the Konishis, but said that owning 100 per cent of Nippon Glaxo would provide it with a "platform for growth" in the world's second-largest pharmaceuticals market. Glaxo has been criticised for its inability to raise its market share in Japan beyond about 2 per cent, which is less than half of its global market share.

Nippon Glaxo has a broad range of research and development, manufacturing and distribution operations. Most of the older drugs in its portfolio, including Zantac, the ulcer treatment, are sold through the joint venture. But many new drugs, such as Imigran, a migraine medicine, have not been approved yet for Japanese use. Nippon Glaxo reported after-tax profits of £15.6 million in the half year to June 30 and had net assets of £180 million.

Sykes: ending collaboration

Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo chief executive, wants to merge Nippon Glaxo with Nippon Wellcome, its other joint venture in Japan, which it inherited last year after taking over Wellcome. Nippon Wellcome is 55 per cent owned by Glaxo and 45 per cent by Sumitomo. Before merging the joint ventures, Glaxo must decide whether it wants to keep Sumitomo as a partner or find another candidate.

Merging the two ventures would create a company with some £700 million in annual sales, equivalent to 9 per cent of Glaxo's total turnover. Its long-term goal is to double its Japanese market share. Glaxo said the purchase of the Nippon Glaxo stake would be financed through borrowings and be earnings enhancing.

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Sears likely to seek buyer for Freemans

SPECULATION was growing yesterday that Sears, the troubled stores group run by Liam Strong, is looking to sell its Freemans catalogue business (Sarah Cunningham writes).

Continental catalogue companies such as Otto Versand of Germany and Pinault Printemps Redoute of France are thought the most likely bidders. Analysts say the company would probably fetch around £400 million. Otto Versand, a private company, owns the Grattan catalogue business, while PPR owns Empire.

Other possible bidders for Freemans are thought to include N Brown, the small but very successful catalogue group, as well as Littlewoods and Burton.

Morgan Crucible to float Emblem

By Alasdair Murray

MORGAN CRUCIBLE, the specialist engineering group, yesterday confirmed that it is to spin-off its aerospace, sensors and instruments division in a float likely to value the business at £40 million.

The move to float the recently formed Emblem division reflects Morgan's strategy of focusing on its core materials technology activity.

Proceeds of the float will be used further to reduce Morgan's debt pile: the City believes that the company will soon launch a major acquisition drive to expand its industrial ceramics division.

Emblem operates two divisions, which have manufacturing facilities in the UK and the US. The aerospace division, representing 62 per cent of its turnover, produces aircraft weapons systems, scanning motors and the cord reels and integrated handset cradles used by airlines' in-flight entertainment systems. The sensors and instruments division specialises in electro-optic sensors for civil and medical uses, nuclear reactor detectors and Geiger counters.

Emblem last year produced operating profits, excluding management charges and exceptional items, of £4.3 million on turnover of £36 million. It forecasts profits, excluding management charges and exceptional items, of £5.1 million for the year to January 4 1997. The existing management will remain after the float.

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Waddington jumps 36% at half time

STABILITY in paper and plastic markets stoked profits growth at Waddington, the printing and packaging group, as it returned pre-tax profits of £15.5 million, a 36 per cent gain in the six months to September 28 (Fraser Nelson writes).

As the group's £40 million capital expenditure programme got under way, sales grew 18 per cent to £156 million. Earnings jumped from 7.9p to 10.54p per share, and an interim dividend is 10 per cent higher, at 4.4p, due on January 17. The pharmaceutical packaging division returned operating profits 59 per cent ahead at £3.43 million. The shares rose 5½p to 264p.

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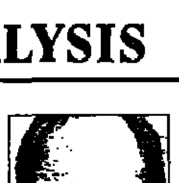


MICHAEL CLARK

Investors show caution as Budget approaches

INVESTORS and traders have begun battening down the hatches as Tuesday's Budget speech by the Chancellor approaches.

Another strong performance by the pound, which soared to a four-year high against the dollar, and further gains on the bond market kept losses in the equity market to a minimum. The FT-SE 100 index, down almost 16 points earlier in the session, finished 9 down at 3,953.80 in the face of further profit-taking on Wall Street after this week's record-breaking run by the Dow Jones industrial average.

Retail demand also showed signs of slowing down and this was reflected in turnover where the total number of shares traded reached just 746.5 million.

Among leaders, **British Gas** suffered a correction after its recent speculative run. The price dropped 6½p to 222p with still no sign of the bid from **Shell**, 10p lower at 981p. Instead, investors are focusing again on costly supply contracts with producers and disagreements with the regulator. By the close, 17 million shares had changed hands.

Guinness floated to the top with a rise of 6p to 461p as Cazenove, the broker, urged clients to switch out of **Grand Metropolitan**, down 3½p at 461p. Some bearish comments from Credit Suisse First Boston left **Cable and Wireless** 5½P cheaper at 476p after figures on Wednesday. **London International**, the condom maker, rose 3½p to 158½p on the back of a "buy" recommendation from HSBC James Capel, the broker. BZW also rates the shares a buy and says shareholders are unlikely to be disappointed with the group's performance. It expects pre-tax profits to grow 46 per cent to £9.5 million.

There were few surprises in maiden figures from **British Energy**, which was floated this year. The shares slipped 1p to 134½p. The group also confirmed it was linking up with **Southern Electric**, 2p lighter at 696½p, to obtain long-term supplies of electricity at a fixed price.

This served to focus the spotlight on the power generators, with **National Power** bouncing back after the lukewarm reception given to its figures on Wednesday. It finished the session 17p better at 452p after some further words of encouragement from NatWest Securities. But it still stands some way below the high for the year of 605p. **PowerGen** rose 10p to 588p.

A warning about a further erosion of margins left **Safeway** 1½p easier at 369½p. It came as the group announced an increase in pre-tax profits up from £213.7 million to £228.2 million. Brokers came back from a post-results meeting at the company in a bullish mood, with SBC Warburg and Merrill Lynch both said to be buyers.

Better than expected half-year profits from **Storehouse** went down well with the City and pushed the shares up 6p at 275p. After a disappointing first quarter, things are picking up, with emphasis on Children's World, which it bought from Boots.

Interim figures from **ED&F Man** fell short of last year, but with the group in an upbeat mood about the second half the price bounced 6p to 162½p.

Doubled pre-tax profits of £2.7 million at Aim-listed **DBS Management** lifted the price 40p to 495p, while a strong rise in profits was good for **Quadramatic**, up 32p at 255½p. **Lowndes Lambert**, the insurance broker, cheapened 1p to 111½p after a profits setback.

Brokers had to contend with several more profit warnings. **NSM** saw its share price almost halve with a fall of 19½p to 23p after saying that it expected to make a trading loss at the halfway stage. The group is also in talks with its bankers about short-term working capital and its structure after the disposal of its US operations which are up for sale.

The business is likely to be sold at a discount to book value. Brokers say Ryan Mining in South Wales, which it bought earlier this year, had failed to reach the expected production levels.

But **Stordata Solutions** held steady at 9p after it said that profits this year would be hit by closure costs. Laserline, its vehicle security products arm, will not achieve the sort of profitability the market had been looking for.

Glenmorangie, the whisky distiller, is looking forward to a merry Christmas that should produce buoyant sales. There are also signs that prices in the industry are stabilising. In the first six months pre-tax profits grew 7 per cent to £4.3 million. The 'A' shares jumped 55p to 815p and the 'B' 55p to £10.25.

Shares of **Honeysuckle Group**, the fashion group, returned from suspension 5p lower at 35p after reporting losses last year, a cut in the dividend and the appointment of Jeremy Hamer as chairman. Michael Jackson's Elderstreet Investments is set to buy a 33.3 per cent stake in the company. They eventually closed 12½p cheaper at 27½p.

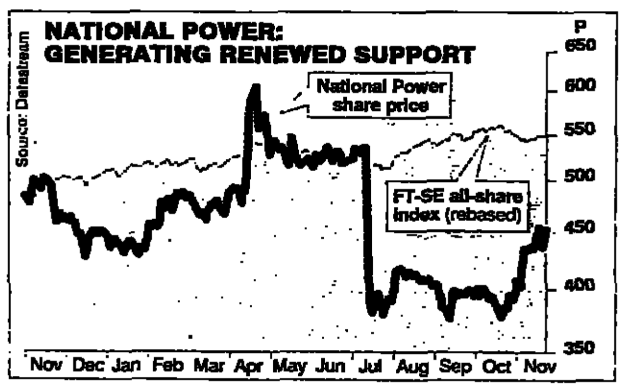
Mersey Docks and Harbour Company rose 4p to 386½p after announcing plans to halt its Eurolink ferry services from Sheerness to Vlissingen on December 1. Instead, rival **Jacobs Holdings**, 1½p firmer at 73p, will operate its Dart Line service from Dartford to Vlissingen for customers of Eurolink. Jacobs is currently bidding for **Ropner**, unchanged at 118½p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices gathered pace after a cautious start on the back of that firmer pound which surged to a four-year high against the dollar. It enabled London to outperform other European bond markets. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt closed near its best of the day with a rise of £$\frac{7}{16}$ at £$110\frac{11}{16}$ as a total of 61,000 contacts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 jumped £$1\frac{19}{32}$ to £$103\frac{3}{16}$, while among shorter-dated coupons, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was five ticks better at £$103\frac{3}{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Profit-taking was blamed as the Dow Jones industrial average fell 24.97 points in morning trading to stand at 6,405.05 at midday.

Sir Alistair Grant announced higher profits at Safeway

Bargain hunters came to the rescue of Thorn which has slumped to a low of 293½p since the demerger. Mercury Asset Management has picked up three million shares in the past few weeks, lifting its stake to 15.5 per cent. Almost four million shares were traded yesterday as the price closed 6p higher at 299½p.



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MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 6405.05 (-24.97)
S&P Composite .... 741.96 (-1.99)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 21143.34 (-46.62)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 13099.56 (-67.60)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 608.24 (+1.65)

Sydney:
AO .... 2392.5 (-0.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2772.34 (-2.16)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2197.69 (+3.41)

Brussels:
General .... 10282.79 (+27.84)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 2233.57 (+0.18)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 817.80 (-4.20)

London:
FT 30 .... 2775.0 (-9.9)
FT 100 .... 3953.8 (-9.0)
FTSE Mid 250 .... 4397.0 (-3.2)
FTSE 350 .... 1970.4 (-3.8)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 .... 1827.09 (-1.57)
FT All-Share .... 1945.1 (-3.47)
FT Non Financials .... 2036.56 (-3.60)
FT Fixed Interest .... 116.76 (+0.35)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.59 (+0.31)
Bargains 35978
SEAQ Volume 746.5m
USM (Datastrm) .... 200.52 (-0.54)
US$ .... 1.6892 (+0.0124)
German Mark .... 2.5326 (+0.0216)
Exchange Index .... 92.8 (+0.8)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.3084
£:SDR 1.1489
RPI .... 153.8 Oct (2.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 153.6 Oct (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Barrasford	7¼	- ¼
Beaufort (3)	4¼	...
Beechcroft	4	...
Brands Hatch Leis	170½	...
Britt Allcroft	157½	- 2
Charles Taylor	168½	...
Corp Exec Search (3)	4¼	...
Deep Sea Leis (160)	162½	...
Druid Grp	281½	+ 1½
Exeter Inv	97½	...
First Russian Frts C	597½	...
Geo Interactive Md	97	+ 2½
Healthcare Reform	99½	...
Jardinerie Int (114)	122½	...
John David Sports	298½	...
Limelight	172½	- 2
Loftus Road (72)	70	+ ½
Majestic Wines	214½	+ 2
Mears Group	11½	- ¼
Mondas (75)	90½	...
Oriental Restaurants	231½	...
Provend	132½	...
Scot Highland Htls	138½	...
Second St David Inc	110½	...
Second St David Res	10	...
Second St David Z Pf	183	- ¼
Snakeboard (3)	3½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

AG Hldgs n/p (134)	10½	...
Arcadian Intl n/p (45)	2	...
Bridport-Gundry n/p	1½	...
Capital Shop 625% n/p	1¼	- ¼
Springwood n/p	74½	...
Stakis n/p (82)	7	+ 1¼
Vision Gp n/p (235)	63½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Quadramatic .... 255½p (+32p)
Telspec .... 182½p (+20p)
MAID .... 249½p (+19p)
Jarvis .... 133p (+10p)
Biocomps Intl .... 630p (+27½p)

FALLS:
NSM .... 23p (-19½p)
Fenchurch Group .... 60½p (-10p)
Forward Group .... 115p (-12½p)
Huntleigh Tech .... 185p (-10p)
Powell Duffryn .... 407½p (-20½p)
Pet City .... 450p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Safe and sound

WITH interim profits bang in line with City expectations yesterday along with predictable sales growth, Safeway runs the risk of looking a bit worthy and dull. Investors are accustomed to disasters and crises in the food retailing sector.

The perception is probably unfair. Safeway has at least been innovative and has adopted some smart marketing gimmicks. The ABC loyalty card provides it with more data on customers' buying habits than other such cards. More important, it has avoided the worst of the price skirmishes to which its competitors have become addicted.

Self-scanning and self-payment systems, which allow customers to avoid queuing at tills (the worst of the weekly shopping chore for most customers) have begun to prove themselves and will be installed at more sites.

Looking further forward, its joint venture with BP, developing petrol forecourt convenience stores, offers growth in the medium term. Meanwhile, petrol price margins have begun to move in a positive direction after a year-long squeeze exacerbated by Esso's Pricewatch campaign.

Positive developments have fed through to the share price, but the stock is still at a discount to J Sainsbury, Tesco and Asda. That suggests there is some upside in Safeway, but investors should question the sector's virtues before piling in.

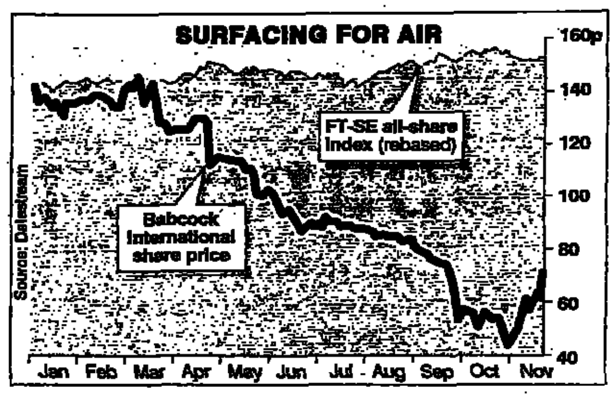
In the retailing sector, the grocers are now a defensive play. They should benefit from the consumer upturn, but at a slower rate than those stores selling big-ticket fashion or electronic goods which are due for further strong growth.

Babcock

ONLY a few months ago, some were predicting a disastrous set of interim losses at Babcock, but this company continually surprises. Even after a nasty £6 million of aggregated losses from process engineering, environmental and its African businesses, the company produced a solid £2 million profit. With that level of underlying support and a commitment to improve margins further from materials handling, the way forward must be up.

The key to the future must be the imminent takeover of Rosyth. Thanks to the Government's decision to conduct a do-it-yourself disposal, the negotiation has dragged on for 18 months. Nevertheless, delay seems to have worked at least partly in Babcock's favour. Whether the other bidders gave up in bored frustration or because submarine maintenance is too complex a business, Babcock may have secured a potential gold mine for what looks like £25 million.

Babcock has been running Rosyth under contract for some time and managed to make £7.5 million from its rolling stock maintenance business and the dockyard. With five years of guaranteed income from nuclear submarine and warship maintenance, profits of £7.5 million could double. Add to that better margins at materials handling and break-even at process engineering and Babcock's profits could well exceed £20 million in a couple of years.



Source: Datastream

Glaxo Wellcome

JAPAN has always been a sore spot for Glaxo Wellcome. The group has roughly 5 per cent of the global pharmaceuticals market, but has never been able to capture more than 2 per cent of the Japanese market, the world's second largest, in spite of its presence there since the mid-1950s.

Glaxo has shovelled some of the blame on the apparent unwillingness of its Japanese partner to spend the considerable amounts of money needed to open doors in this notoriously closed market. So Glaxo has decided pretty much to go it alone. It has bought its partner's half share in Nippon Glaxo, and intends to merge it with Nippon Wellcome, the smaller Japanese joint venture that it inherited with the acquisition of Wellcome last year.

The question is whether Glaxo's domination of its Japanese business will sit well with drugs buyers. Business in Japan is as much about securing the right partners and relationships as marketing and financial clout. Glaxo now has the freedom to pour as much money as it wants into Japan, but should not forget that foreign companies rarely get equal treatment if the politics is not right.

Morgan Crucible

MORGAN CRUCIBLE, the specialist engineering company, surprised few observers yesterday with the news that it was ditching its hotchpotch of an aerospace and instruments division.

The company is on record as saying it wants to focus more on its industrial ceramics and specialist chemicals businesses. The £40 million raised through a float of Emblem is slightly more than could be raised via a trade sale and this will further bolster the company's strong financial position. Half-year debts stood at £131 million, which represents gearing of about 42 per cent — hardly excessive for a company when its earnings are growing in double digits.

The City has been anticipating that Morgan is preparing itself for a significant purchase, probably an addition to its industrial ceramics business. But the company remains more circumspect on its buying policies and although a failure to land a big deal may cause some disappointment, the company has a strong track record in achieving growth through bolt-ons and internal investment.

Morgan has increased margins from 10 to 12.5 per cent in the past few years, but with lower-margin businesses being discarded the company should have room to drive profits further. The company sits on a comfortable rating of about 16 times price earnings, offering good medium-term prospects.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	887-889	Mar	1006-1014
Mar	925-924	May	1017-1014
May	944-943	Jul	1028-1022
Jul	961-959	Sep	1036-1032
Sep	977-975		
Dec	992-990		Volume: 2861

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1565-1552	Jul	1356-1350
Jan	1433-1429	Sep	1350-1340
Mar	1378-1376	Nov	1346-1330
May	1362-1356		Volume: 3602

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	298.5-97.5
Spot: 312.8		Dec	301.0-99.0
Mar	308.0-03.7	Mar	303.5-01.9
May	304.4-03.7	May	305.1-03.0
Aug	304.4-03.0		Volume: 1602

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 20

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	92.92	130.12	109.52
(+/-)	+2.97	-6.45	+3.96
Eng/Wales	92.82	130.94	107.42
(+/-)	+2.97	-5.98	+4.12
(%)	n/c	-38.0	+10.0
Scotland	unq	128.27	113.70
(+/-)		-7.68	+4.24
(%)		-39.0	-2.0

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CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.95	-0.50
Brent 15 day (Jan)	22.85	-0.60
Brent 15 day (Feb)	22.40	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	23.65	-0.65
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	23.35	-1.55

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unl	226 (n/c)	229 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	224 (-5)	226 (-4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	117 (n/c)	119 (n/c)
Naphtha	225 (n/c)	227 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	219.00-19.25	Mar	202.50 SLR
Jan	217.25-17.50	Apr	193.50-94.00
Feb	210.25-10.50		Vol: 22948

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	22.57-22.89	Apr	21.31-21.32
Feb	22.35-22.37	May	20.94 SLR
Mar	21.93-21.98		Vol: 25617

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	96.75	Nov	92.00
Jan	97.50	Jan	93.50
Mar	99.50	Mar	94.30
May	100.75	May	96.00
Jul	102.00	Sep	92.70
	Volume: 751		Volume: 128

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	56.0
Apr	65.0	64.9
May	67.0	70.0
		Volume: 110

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Dec 80.50-81.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 96	1420	1415	1420
Dec 96	1330	1325	1335
Jan 97	1315	1292	1308
Apr 97	1340	1315	1325
Vol: 363 lots			Open Interest: 3419

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)			Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2352.0-2353.0	3mth: 2208.0-2209.0	Vol: 211500
Lead ($/tonne)	700.00-701.00	710.00-710.50	27485
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1061.0-1062.0	1094.0-1084.5	240325
Tin ($/tonne)	6135.0-6140.0	6125.0-6130.0	274580
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1498.0-1499.0	1515.0-1516.0	715125
Nickel ($/tonne)	6840.0-6845.0	6981.0-6940.0	77160

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	420	21½	29	34	10	16½	23½
(*441)	460	5	12	16½	37	40½	47½
ASDA	110	11½	13½	16	1	3	4
(*119½)	120	5	7½	10	4½	7	8
Boots	600	26	42½	52	9	16	25
(*612½)	650	6	19½	26½	38½	43½	51
Br Airways	550	57	71½	79½	3½	9	16
(*597)	600	24½	40½	49½	19	27	35½
BP	650	41½	57½	65½	9	19	24½
(*678)	700	20	32	40	33	41	49½
Br Steel	140	9½	14	17½	3½	6	10½
(*150½)	150	1½	5	8½	16	17½	23
C & W	460	24	37½	46½	10	17	24½
(*476)	500	7	16½	27	32	39½	45½
CU	600	46	56½	61½	6	17½	22
(*637½)	650	15	26½	35½	25	43	47½
ICI	750	37½	51½	60	12	29½	35
(*773)	800	13	25½	35½	37	57	62½
Land Sec	700	35½	51	59	4½	11	19
(*734½)	750	9	21½	30	26½	33½	43½
M & S	460	29	40	46½	4	9	14
(*485)	500	9	16	25	23½	28	33
Nat West	650	49½	60	65½	6	21	23
(*687)	700	19	31	39½	25½	47	53½
Safeway plc	360	17	28	33½	9½	15½	22½
(*370)	390	5	14½	19½	27½	32	39½
Sainsbury	360	16½	26½	30½	6½	11½	18½
(*366½)	390	4½	12½	16½	25	28½	35
Shell	950	47½	64	72	9½	29½	32
(*981)	1000	19½	37	44½	31	50	57½
Smkl Bch	700	56	73½	83	5	16	24
(*746)	750	26½	43½	56½	23	36	45
Storehse	300	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*275)	330	0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	90	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*58½)	60	0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1600	124½	159	180½	27	51½	65
(*1685½)	1700	66½	102	126½	69	95½	110½
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAT Ind	420	30	42½	47	7	19½	26½
(*440)	460	10½	20½	28	29½	42	47
Vodafone	240	14	21½	26½	7½	11½	15½
(*247½)	260	5	12½	17	19	22½	26
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	460	17½	27	33½	19½	25	37½
(*461)	500	4½	12½	18	49	52	59
Ladbroke	200	11½	15½	19	6	11½	13½
(*202½)	220	3½	7	10½	18½	24	25½
Utd Bisc	220	14½	19	22½	6	10½	12½
(*230½)	230	5	8½	11½	18	23	24½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	26½	41	48½	5	11	16½
(*479½)	500	7	19½	27	23½	30	34½
Thames W	550	35	50½	59	6	15	27½
(*574½)	600	10	24	32	29	37	53½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BTR	240	12½	16	19	6	15½	18
(*240)	260	5	8	11	22	26½	31½
Br Aero	1100	77	96	115½	19½	30	38
(*1145½)	1150	46	67½	88	37½	51½	60
Br Telecm	330	31½	36½	40½	5	9	19½
(*359)	360	12	19	24	18	21½	34½
Cadbury	500	24½	32	39½	13½	22½	26½
(*508)	550	5	12	19	45½	55	57½
Guinness	420	36	42½	46	4½	12	15½
(*445½)	460	12	20	25	22	32	35½
GEC	330	33	41	45	7	6	10½
(*359½)	360	14	22	27	13	17	22½
Hanson	110	6	—	—	4	—	—
(*114)	120	4	—	—	9	—	—
LASMO	220	17	20½	26	5½	9	10
(*225½)	240	8½	12½	16	15	19½	19½
Lucasvarity	220	29½	30½	34	4½	7½	11
(*236½)	240	13	19	23	11	15½	19½
Pilkingtn	180	9½	14	16	6½	9	11
(*180½)	200	2½	6	8	21	21	23½
Prudential	420	45	53½	57½	4½	11	14½
(*458)	460	21	29	34	14	28	32
Redland	390	30	37	40½	7	16½	20
(*409)	420	13½	21	25½	21	32½	36
R-Royce	240	16½	21	25½	10½	14½	17
(*242½)	260	4	12½	17	22	25½	28½
Tesco	330	21½	27	32	9½	16	19½
(*330)	360	7½	14	19	25½	32½	36
Williams	330	—	—	—	—	—	—
(unq)	360	—	—	—	—	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*3953)

	3850	3900	3950	4000	4050	4100
Calls						
Dec	147	100½	64	35½	17	7½
Jan	164½	126½	93½	64	39½	23
Feb	191½	154½	123	91	66½	48
Mar	202½	167½	135	107½	81	61
Jun	—	223	—	169	—	119½
Puts						
Dec	16	25½	41	64½	100½	146½
Jan	30	41½	59½	83½	112	149½
Feb	46½	59½	78	100½	127½	160½
Mar	63	77½	97	120	145	175
Jun	—	121½	—	164	—	216

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Apr	Jul	Dec	Apr	Jul
Abbey Natl	600	51	65½	72½	1½	15½	20½
(*646½)	650	14½	33½	43	15½	35½	42½
Amstrad	160	9	—	—	5	—	—
(*163½)	180	2	—	—	18	—	—
Barclays	950	34	65	78½	8	34½	43
(*976½)	1000	11½	36	53	31	61	90
Natl Pwr	450	9½	25	—	13	24	—
(*452½)	500	1	10	12½	55	58½	68½
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo W	900	56½	84½	99½	7	24½	33
(*949)	950	24	54	69	25	46	55
HSBC	1200	57	86	108	19	51	65
(*1229½)	1250	29½	59	82	42	77½	91
Reuter	700	29½	47	60½	17	32½	39
(*709½)	750	9½	24½	38½	47	60½	67
Royal & Sun	431	17½	26	—	11	29½	—
(*433½)	464	4	—	—	37	—	—
	Series	Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
Blue Circ	360	14½	22½	29	3	9	17½
(*368)	390	2	9	14½	23	25	34
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Kingfishr	600	39½	47½	55	16½	29½	34½
(*612)	650	14	24	32	44½	57	62
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Unilever	1350	35	65	77	9½	21	42½
(*1370)	1400	9½	37	50	36	45	62½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Br Gas	220	8½	16½	19½	6½	13	15
(*222)	240	2	9½	11	19½	27½	29½
Dixons	550	27	59½	93	7½	19½	29
(*562½)	600	3½	30½	29½	34	47½	53½
EMI Group	1300	36	70	100	19	47	67½
(*1309½)	1350	15	47	76	46	74	85½
Tarmac	90	9	12½	13½	0½	1½	2
(*98½)	100	2½	6½	8	3½	5½	7
Hillsdwn	160	14	18½	22½	0½	2½	6½
(*173)	180	2	7	9	8	11	17
Lonrho	130	9	12½	14½	0½	4½	6
(*137½)	140	3	7	9½	4½	9½	11
Sears	90	6	—	—	1	—	—
(*95)	100	2	—	—	7	—	—
Thorn EMI	1600	17½	—	—	19	—	—
(*1609)	1700	5	—	—	91	—	—
Tomkins	240	16	21½	27	2	7½	9½
(*252½)	260	4½	11	17	10½	16½	19
Lloyds TSB	360	26½	34½	38	0	7½	12
(*384½)	390	5	15½	21	6½	22	26½
Scot Pwr	323	16½	23½	—	2	11	—
(*335½)	353	4	10	—	19	27	—

November 21 1996 Tot: 30912 Call: 14663 Put: 16249 FTSE Call: 2719 Put: 3657
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 51822	Dec 96	3980.0	3987.0	3963.0	3974.0	8368
	Mar 97	3998.5	3997.0	3988.5	3992.5	185
FTSE 250 Previous open interest: 4971	Dec 96				4407.0	0
	Mar 97				4443.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 515819	Dec 96	93.52	93.53	93.51	93.52	8277
	Mar 97	93.26	93.27	93.23	93.26	11410
	Jun 97	92.94	92.96	92.90	92.94	9804
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97				99.37	0
	Jun 97	99.22	99.22	99.22	99.22	200
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1105174	Dec 96	96.76	96.79	96.76	96.79	19615
	Mar 97	96.79	96.80	96.77	96.79	26651
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 155640	Dec 96	110-11	110-30	110-06	110-22	61769
	Mar 97	109-19	110-04	109-18	110-01	7286
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	124.36	124.57	124.32	124.48	2577
	Mar 97	123.49	123.70	123.49	123.64	1035
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 292044	Dec 96	100.99	101.05	100.75	100.92	173707
	Mar 97	99.99	100.08	99.73	99.97	10824
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 26762	Dec 96	95.83	95.84	95.81	95.82	1096
	Mar 97	95.93	95.94	95.92	95.83	408
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 71681	Dec 96	97.90	97.92	97.85	97.91	4598
	Mar 97	97.88	97.91	97.83	97.89	6376
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 114404	Dec 96	127.55	127.76	126.69	127.27	79187
	Mar 97	126.70	126.95	126.00	126.44	3410

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅞ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6; 3 mth 6⅛ Sell: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth: 5⅞

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅞-6⅛
Interbank:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅞-6⅛

Overnight: open 5⅞ close 5⅞

Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6⅛	6⅛	6¼
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅞-6⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.29	n/a	5.37	5.43	5.58
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅞

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅜-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-5½	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-2⅞
Swiss Franc:	1⅞-1½	1⅞-1⅝	2-1⅞	2-1⅞	2-1
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.90-378.10 **Close:** $376.30-376.80 **High:** $378.40-378.90
Low: $375.00-375.50 **AM:** $378.50 **PM:** $377.00

Krugerrand: $376.00-379.00 (£222.50-224.50)

Platinum: $383.50 (£227.40) **Silver:** $4.88 (£2.885) **Palladium:** $118.00 (£69.95)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8284-2.8429	2.8400-2.8429	⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-2⅛pr
Brussels	51.930-52.244	52.172-52.244	16-11pr	46-39pr
Copenhagen	9.6840-9.7364	9.7290-9.7364	3½-1½pr	7-6pr
Dublin	0.9969-1.0001	0.9988-1.0001	6-2pr	19-14pr
Frankfurt	2.5290-2.5341	2.5319-2.5341	⅞-¾pr	2-1⅞pr
Lisbon	254.51-256.18	255.91-256.18	⅛-¾ds	⅛-¾ds
Madrid	211.47-213.10	212.96-213.10	12-23ds	12-30ds
Milan	2513.5-2532.3	2529.0-2532.3	22-38ds	42-64ds
Montreal	2.2503-2.2649	2.2631-2.2649	0.67-0.56pr	0.125-0.120pr
New York	1.6940-1.6902	1.6895-1.6902	0.11-0.09pr	0.39-0.35pr
Oslo	10.619-10.681	10.673-10.681	⅛-½pr	⅛-½pr
Paris	8.5340-8.5871	8.5818-8.5871	2⅞-2pr	6⅛-6pr
Stockholm	11.107-11.192	11.170-11.192	⅛-½pr	⅛-½pr
Tokyo	187.70-188.25	188.01-188.22	1⅛-½pr	2⅞-2⅞pr
Vienna	17.730-17.835	17.818-17.835	⅛-½pr	1⅞-1⅞pr
Zurich	2.1309-2.1417	2.1392-2.1417	⅛-½pr	2⅞-2⅞pr

Source: Extel *Premium* - pr *Discount* - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2328-1.2336
Austria	10.55-10.56
Belgium (Com)	30.92-30.95
Canada	1.3388-1.3393
Denmark	5.7650-5.7680
France	5.0798-5.0808
Germany	1.5004-1.5011
Hong Kong	7.7318-7.7323
Ireland	1.6875-1.6885
Italy	1499.6-1501.1
Japan	111.45-111.50
Malaysia	2.5198-2.5208
Netherlands	1.6830-1.6840
Norway	6.3210-6.3240
Portugal	151.60-151.65
Singapore	1.4010-1.4020
Spain	126.10-126.20
Sweden	6.6190-6.6290
Switzerland	1.2673-1.2683

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6862-1.6889
Australia dollar	2.0787-2.0825
Bahrain dinar	0.627-0.639
Brazil real*	1.7453-1.7498
China yuan	13.773-14.073
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland markka	7.5375-7.6535
Greece drachma	393.75-400.75
Hong Kong dollar	13.0343-13.0428
India rupee	59.56-60.52
Indonesia rupiah	3897.0-3965.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.496-0.506
Malaysia ringgit	4.2479-4.2521
New Zealand dollar	2.3637-2.3674
Pakistan rupee	66.90 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.055-6.179
Singapore dollar	2.3618-2.3649
S Africa rand (com)	7.750-7.852
U A E dirham	6.1075-6.2315

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	176	Lloyds TSB	7,600
ASDA Gp	7,500	LucasVarity	3,100
Abbey Ntl	717	Marks Spr	1,700
Allied Dom	2,600	NatWst Bk	1,400
Argos	244	Nat Grid	2,000
AB Foods	296	Nat Power	5,200
BAA	2,900	Next	679
BAT Inds	4,800	Orange	2,600
BOC	1,400	P & O	2,100
BP	4,300	Pearson	1,300
BSkyB	2,300	Pilkington	5,000
BTR	6,300	PowerGen	3,200
BT	9,300	Prudential	3,000
Bk of Scot	1,600	RMC	339
Barclays	2,000	RTZ	3,500
Bass	913	Railtrack	7,000
Blue Circle	4,300	Rank Group	3,700
Boots	1,100	Reckitt Col	502
BAe	1,500	Redland	1,800
BA	3,200	Reed Intl	747
Brit Gas	17,200	Rentokil	3,700
Brit Steel	3,400	Reuters	4,700
Burmah Csd	181	Rolls Royce	2,800
Burton	2,500	Royal & Sun	3,000
Cable Wire	10,900	Royal Bk Sct	1,200
Cadbury	1,600	Safeway	3,000
Carlton Cms	403	Sainsbury	3,100
Cm Union	1,500	Schroders	20
Courtaulds	1,000	Scot & New	890
Dixons	2,000	Scot Power	1,600
EMI	1,100	Sevn Trent	506
Enterpr Oil	5,200	Shell Trans	2,400
GKN	1,000	Siebe	812
GRE	1,600	SmKl Bch	3,000
GUS	1,200	Smith Nph	552
Gen Acc	3,500	Smiths Inds	515
Gen Elec	8,400	Std Chartd	1,900
Glaxo Well	3,200	TI Gp	924
Granada	5,700	Tate & Lyle	363
Grand Met	9,300	Tesco	5,300
Guinness	6,300	Thames W	195
HSBC	2,300	Tomkins	407
Hanson	14,000	Unilever	937
ICI	2,100	Utd Utilities	746
Imp Tob	2,200	Utd News	2,000
Kingfisher	1,600	Vodafone	12,900
LASMO	1,100	Whitbread	942
Ladbroke	6,000	Wilms Hld	738
Land Secs	474	Wolseley	1,900
Legal & Gn	1,400	Zeneca	473

	Nov 21 midday	Nov 20 close
AMP Inc	36¼	36⅝
AMR Corp	91	91
ASA	38⅝	39¼
AT & T	37¼	37½
Abbott Labs	54⅛	53¾
Advanced Micro	24⅜	24⅛
Aetna Life	69¾	69¼
Ahmanson (HF)	33½	33
Air Prod & Chem	66¾	66½
AirTouch Comms	26⅜	26½
Alberto-Culver B	48⅛	48½
Albertson's	36⅛	35⅞
Alcan Aluminum	36	36
Alco Standard	49⅛	49¼
Allied Signal	72½	72¾
Alum Co of Am	62½	63¼
Amax Gold Inc	6	6⅛
Amerada Hess	57⅜	57⅜
Amer Brands	48⅞	48½
Amer El Power	42	42½
Amer Express	50⅜	50½
Amer Genl Corp	39⅜	38⅞
Amer Home Pr	63⅞	62½
Amer Intl	110½	110⅜
Amer Stores	40⅜	40⅞
Amer Standard	37⅞	37⅜
Ameritech	59⅞	55⅞
Amoco	77⅛	76⅞
Anheuser-Busch	41¼	43¼
Apple Computer	24⅛	25
Archer Daniels	22⅜	22⅛
Armco	4⅛	4⅛
Armstrong Wrld	71⅛	71¼
Asarco	27⅛	28
Atl Richfield	132⅜	133⅛
Auto Data Pro	42½	42½
Avery Dennison	69⅜	69⅜
Avon Products	56⅜	56
Baker Hughes	37⅛	38
Baltim Gas & El	27⅜	27⅛
Banc One	44⅛	44⅝
BankAmerica	96⅜	97⅛
Bank of NY	33⅝	33⅞
Bankers Tr NY	85⅜	85⅜
Barnett Banks	41½	42
Bausch & Lomb	37⅛	37⅛
Baxter Intl	41½	41⅛
Becton Dickinson	39⅛	39⅞
Bell Atlantic	61⅛	61⅛
Bell Industries	18⅛	18⅞
BellSouth	39⅛	39⅞
Black & Decker	35⅛	35⅞
Block (H&R)	27⅛	28⅛
Boeing	97⅞	96⅞
Boise Cascade	29⅞	29⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	111⅛	109⅞
Browning Ferris	26⅜	26⅛
Brunswick	25⅜	25⅞
Burlington Nthn	87⅜	87⅜
CMS Energy Corp	32⅜	32⅞
CNA Financial	103	103⅛
CPC Intl	80⅛	81⅛
CSX	46	47
Campbell Soup	82⅛	82⅜
Can Pacific	27⅛	27⅛
Carolina Pwr	36⅛	36⅛
Caterpillar	77⅜	78⅛
Central & SW	27	27⅛
Champion Intl	42⅜	42⅞
Chase Manhat	92	92⅛
Chevron Corp	66⅜	67⅛
Chrysler	33⅞	34⅛
Chubb Corp	54	54⅛
Cigna Corp	138⅞	138⅞
Citicorp	108⅛	108⅛
Clorox	105⅛	105⅞
Coastal Corp	47⅛	47⅛
Coca Cola	51⅛	51⅛
Coca Cola Ent	47⅞	48
Colgate-Palmolive	94⅜	95
Columbia Gas	63⅞	63⅞
ColumbiaHCA	38	38⅛
Compaq Comp	79⅜	80⅛
Comp Asc Intl	65⅛	65⅛
Conagra	52⅜	52⅞
Conrail	94⅜	90⅛
Cons Edison	30	29⅞
Cons Nat Gas	55⅜	55⅞
Cooper Inds	41⅛	41⅛
Corestates	51⅛	52
Corning Inc	40⅜	41⅛
Crown Cork	51⅛	50⅞
Dana Corp	31⅛	32
Dayton Hudson	38⅛	38⅛
Deere	44⅛	46⅛
Delta Air Lines	76⅛	77
Deluxe Corp	31⅞	31⅛
Digital Equip	34⅞	35
Dillard Dept St	30⅞	30
Disney (Walt)	71⅛	71⅞
Dominion Res	39⅞	39⅛
Donelley (RR)	34⅛	34⅛
Dover Corp	52⅛	53⅞
Dow Chemical	83	83⅛
Dow Jones	34⅛	34⅞
Dresser	33	32⅞
Duke Power	47⅛	47⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	23	23
Du Pont	92⅞	92⅞
Eastman Chem	55⅛	55⅞

	Nov 21 midday	Nov 20 close
Eastman Kodak	83⅛	83⅞
Eaton Corp	65⅜	65⅞
Edison Intl	19⅞	19⅞
Emerson Elec	98⅛	98⅛
Engelhard Corp	19⅛	20⅛
Enron Corp	45⅛	46
Entergy	28⅛	28⅛
Ethyl Corp	8⅛	8⅛
Exxon	91⅛	91⅛
FMC Corp	76⅞	75⅞
FPL Group	46⅛	46⅛
Federal Express	42⅜	42⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	39⅞	40⅛
First Bk Sys	70⅛	70⅛
First Union Rlty	10	9⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	52⅜	52⅞
Fluor Corp	67⅛	68
Ford Motor	32⅛	32⅞
GTE Corp	44⅛	44⅛
Gannett	77⅞	77⅞
Gap Inc Del	30⅞	30⅛
Gencorp	17⅛	17
Gen Dynamics	74⅛	74⅛
Gen Electric	101⅛	102⅛
Gen Mills	59⅞	60⅛
Gen Motors	56⅛	57⅛
Gen Reinsurance	161⅛	162⅛
Gen Signal	40⅜	40⅞
Genuine Parts	45⅞	45⅞
Georgia Pac	72⅛	72
Gillette	74⅛	74⅞
Glaxo Wellc ADR	32	32
Goodrich (BF)	45⅞	44⅞
Goodyear Tire	49⅛	49⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	33⅛	33⅛
Great Wstn Fin	30⅞	30⅛
Halliburton	60⅞	60⅛
Harcourt General	53⅛	52⅞
Heinz (HJ)	36⅞	36⅛
Hercules	46⅛	47⅛
Hershey Foods	50	50⅞
Hewlett Packard	51⅞	52⅛
Hilton Hotels	26⅛	27⅛
Home Depot	52	51⅞
Homestake Mng	15⅞	16⅛
Honeywell	66⅞	67⅛
Household Intl	97	97⅛
Houston Inds	22⅛	22⅛
Humana	18⅛	18⅞
ITT Corp	44⅛	44⅛
Illinois Tool	81⅛	82
Illinova	26⅞	27⅛
INCO	35⅛	34⅞
Ingersoll Rand	44	44
Inland Steel	18⅞	18⅛
Intel Corp	119⅞	120⅞
IBM	153⅛	152⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	43⅞	44
Intl Paper	42⅞	43
James River Va	32⅞	32⅛
Johnsn & Jnsn	52	51⅛
Kellogg	67⅛	68
Kerr-McGee	66⅛	67⅛
Kimberly-Clark	97⅛	98⅛
Kmart	10⅛	10⅞
Knight-Ridder	41⅛	40⅞
Lilly (Eli)	76⅛	73⅛
Limited Inc	17⅞	17⅛
Lincoln Nat	52⅞	52⅛
Litton	46⅞	46⅛
Liz Claiborne	42⅛	42⅞
Lockheed Martin	93⅛	94
Louisiana Pac	22⅛	22⅛
MCI Comm	28⅛	28⅛
Marriott Intl	55⅞	55⅛
Marsh & McLnn	114⅞	113⅛
Masco Corp	35⅛	34⅛
May Dept St	46⅛	46⅛
Maytag Corp	19⅛	19⅛
McDonalds	48⅛	48⅞
McDonnell D	53⅞	53⅛
McGraw Hill	46⅞	46⅛
Mead Corp	57⅛	58⅛
Medtronic	68⅛	67⅛
Mellon Bk	67⅞	67⅛
Merck Inc	83	82⅛
Merrill Lynch	78⅞	78⅞
Microsoft	151⅞	153⅛
Minnesota Mine	82⅞	82⅛
Mobil Corp	119⅛	119⅛
Monsanto	40⅛	39⅛
Morgan (JP)	89⅛	89⅞
Motorola Inc	53⅛	54⅛
Natl Semi	23	23⅛
Natl Service Ind	34	34⅛
Navistar Intl	9⅞	9⅞
NY Times A	37⅛	37⅞
Newmont Mng	49⅛	51⅛
Niag Mohawk	8⅛	8⅛
Nike B	53⅛	53⅛
NL Industries	8⅞	8⅞
Noram Energy	15⅛	15⅛
Nordstrom	42⅛	42⅛
Norfolk Sthn	87⅛	88
Nthn State Pwr	48⅞	48⅞
Norwest Corp	44⅛	44⅞
Nynex Corp	45⅛	45⅞
Occidental Pet	25⅞	24⅞
Ohio Edison	22⅛	22⅛
Oracle	48⅛	47⅛

	Nov 21 midday	Nov 20 close
Oryx Energy Co	21⅛	20⅞
Overseas Ship	16⅛	16⅛
Owens Corning	40⅛	40
PHH Corp	45⅛	45⅞
PPG Industries	59⅛	59⅞
PNC Bank	38	38⅛
PP&L Res	23⅞	23⅞
Paccar Inc	63⅞	62⅞
Pacificorp	21⅛	21⅞
Pac Enterprises	29⅞	29⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	23⅞	23⅞
Pac Telesis	35⅞	35⅞
Pall Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Parker Hannifin	40⅛	41
Pecn Energy	26⅛	26⅛
Penney (JC)	51⅛	50⅞
Pennzoil	54⅛	54⅛
Pepsico	30⅛	31⅛
Pfizer	89⅛	87⅞
Pharm & Upjhn	38	37⅞
Phelps Dodge	70⅛	69⅛
Philip Morris	101	101⅛
Phillips Pet	42⅛	42⅛
Pitney Bowes	58⅛	57⅞
Polaroid	41⅛	41⅛
PriceCostco	22	22
Procter & Gmbl	108⅛	108
Providian	51⅞	52⅛
Pub Serv E & G	28⅛	28⅛
Quaker Oats	37⅞	38⅛
Ralston Purina	76⅛	76⅛
Raychem Corp	82⅛	82⅛
Raytheon	51⅛	52⅛
Reebok Intl	38⅛	38⅛
Reynolds Metals	59⅞	60
Rockwell Intl	63	63⅛
Rohm & Haas	79⅛	79⅛
Royal Dutch	167⅛	169⅛
Rubbermaid	23⅛	23⅞
SBC Comms	50⅞	50⅞
Safeco Corp	38⅛	38
St Paul's Cos	55⅞	55⅞
Salomon Inc	46⅛	46⅛
Sara Lee Corp	39⅛	39⅛
Schering Plough	72⅛	71⅛
Schlumberger	102⅛	103
Seagram	40⅞	40⅛
Sears Roebuck	48⅞	48⅞
Shell Trans	99⅛	100⅛
Sherwin Wllms	56⅞	56⅛
Skyline Corp	27⅛	27⅞
Snap-On-Tools	35⅛	34⅞
Southern Co	22⅛	22⅛
Sprint Corp	40⅞	40⅞
Stanley Works	30⅞	30⅛
Sun Company	24⅞	24⅞
Sun Microsys	59⅞	59⅛
Suntrust	48⅞	49⅛
Supervalu	29⅞	30⅛
Sysco Corp	34⅞	34⅞
TRW Inc	96	96⅞
TCC Inds	1⅛	1⅛
Tandem Comp	13⅛	13⅛
Tandy Corp	41⅛	40⅞
Temple Inland	52⅞	52⅛
Tenneco	50⅞	49⅞
Texaco	99	99⅞
Texas Inst	54⅛	55
Texas Utilities	41⅛	41⅛
Textron	92⅞	92⅛
Time Warner	39⅞	39⅞
Times-Mirror A	50⅞	51
Timken	45⅛	45⅞
Torchmark	50⅞	50⅞
Toys R Us	34	34
Transamerica	79⅞	79⅛
Travelers	59⅞	60⅞
Tribune	80⅛	80⅞
Tyco Intl	53⅛	53⅛
UST Inc	32⅞	32⅛
UAL	56⅞	56⅛
US Inds	29⅛	29⅞
US West Comm	30⅛	30⅛
USX Marathon	22⅞	22⅞
Unicom	27⅛	27⅛
Unilever NV	169⅛	167⅞
Union Camp	48⅞	48⅞
Union Carbide	46	45⅞
Union Pacific	57	56⅞
Unisys Corp	6⅛	6
USAIR Group	22⅞	22⅛
USF&G Corp	19⅛	19⅞
US Life	29⅞	29⅞
United Tech	133	133⅛
Unocal Corp	39⅛	40⅛
VF Corp	67⅛	66⅞
WMX Tech	33⅛	33⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅛	24⅞
Warner-Lambert	71⅛	70
Wells Fargo	286⅞	287⅞
Westinghouse El	18⅛	18⅞
Weyerhaeuser	46⅛	46⅞
Whirlpool	47⅞	47
Whitman	22⅛	22⅞
Winn Dixie	33⅛	33⅛
Woolworth	24	24⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	58⅞	59
Xerox	49⅞	49⅛
Yellow Corp	15⅛	15⅛

Setback for equities

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
456	419	Allied Domecq	441	- 8½	6.9	12.9
625	477	Bulmer (HP)	534	...	3.1	17.9
131	87½	Burn Stewart	89	...	6.2	73.3
815	815	Glenmorangie A	815	+ 56	1.9	22.1
486	411	Grand Met	461	- 3½	4.1	19.6
493	430	Guinness	445½	+ 6	4.3	13.8
378	315	Highland Dist	328	..	3.2	15.6
303	267½	Matthew Clark	279½	+ 6	10.7	13.3
141	93	Merrydown W	108½	- 1	5.2	9.9
2012½	1481¼	SA Breweries	1512½	- 31¼	2.1	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3763½	2749¼	ABN-AMRO	3709½	- 18¼	3.4	13.9
663	526	Abbey Nat	649½	+ 1½	4.5	12.0
400	315	Allied Irish	389½		4.6	11.2
374½	285	Aus New Z	373½	+ 8½	5.0	...
5850	3843¾	Bank America	5768½	- 93¾	...	...
318	227½	Bank Scotland	284	+ 1½	3.2	10.4
1012	683	Barclays	976½	- 8	3.6	10.7
526½	413	Bk of Ireland	498½		4.2	11.3
482	378	Cater Allen	386	..	9.7	11.4
6688¾	4031¼	Citicorp	5652½	...	...	
382	307½	Close Bros	328½	+ 3	3.9	13.1
1575	1316¾	Commerzbank	1388¾	- 9¾	3.5	..
1358	887½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	987½	- 9¾	0.5	
3412½	2758¾	Deutsche Bk	2831¼	- 25	2.5	
806½	583¾	Espirito Santo	762½	- 6¼	4.3	11.1
1507	1077½	Fuji Bank Y	1077½	- 7½	0.4	...
472	260	Gerrard Natl	274½	..	10.5	11.2
287½	196	Hambros	245½	- 1	3.9	39.6
1316	931	HSBC	1226½	- 18¾	3.8	11.6
1384½	938	HSBC HK	1196	- 19½	3.9	11.3
477½	385	Irish Perm	477½	...	3.0	13.1
197	143	King Shaxson	189½	+ 1½	6.2	15.9
485	405	Leopold J	485		5.2	16.8
416½	294½	Lloyds TSB	394½	+ 2	3.9	16.3
685¼	506	Nat Aust Bk	680¾	+ 21	6.1	9.2
729½	605½	Nat West	697½	+ 1	4.8	9.8
67	49½	Rea Brothers	62½		2.8	24.6
596	464	Royal Bk Scot	504½	- ½	4.2	11.1
1465	1185	Schroders	1412½		1.5	16.1
1205	890	Schroders N/V	1190		1.8	13.5
135	99½	Singer & Fried	126½	- 2½	4.2	9.3
729½	547	Standard Chart	688	- 1½	2.3	12.9
115½	85½	Union	96	- ½	3.9	10.3
£174½	£131¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.9	
352½	264	Westpac	351¼	+ 7½	3.8	11.4
360	288	Woolwich	317½		4.9	15.9

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
90	36	Aspen Sh Hld	70			10.5
840½	702	Bass	788½	- 3½	3.7	17.0
70	40	Bit for the Brit	49		4.2	15.3
205	161	Burtonwood Brwr	170		4.2	15.3
135½	92	City Centre Rest	129½	- 2	2.2	24.4
821	483	Compass Gp	609	- 1½	1.6	28.0
266	190	Eldridge P 'A'©	243½		2.5	22.5
540	413	Fuller Sm 'A'	452½		2.5	15.5
636	546	Greenalls Gp	593		3.1	16.1
671	567¼	Greene King	662		2.9	16.6
285	190	Grosvenor Inns	201½	...	3.5	21.4
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	245	..	3.4	...
357	280½	Hardy Hanson	294		4.3	11.0
3475	2700	Hall J	2725	+ 25	2.6	14.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
685	436	Brammer	669	...	2.8	19.2
26½	16	Bridgend Gp	20	..	1.5	
113	76	Brit Transport	88½	...	6.3	10.1
290	245	Caffyns	285	...	5.0	22.6
160	105	Cowie	121½	...	3.5	8.0
101½	76	Charles Sidney	81½	...	5.8	11.5
79	54½	Cook (DC)	61½	- ½	4.3	7.5
175	94½	Dag Motors	98		10.0	6.8
163	137½	Dewhurst B	141½	...	2.3	14.2
434	328	Dylorie	384	..	4.8	
442½	328	Electrocomponent	440	- 1½	2.0	26.7
314	137½	Eurodis Elec	158½		3.8	15.3
134½	65	Eurodollar	119		4.3	17.8
105	76	European Mtr	85	..	7.8	9.6
375	235	Evans Halshaw	237½	...	8.7	9.3
67	48	Fife Indmar	49½	...	8.3	7.4
338	248	Finelist Gp	313½	..	2.6	18.0
37½	16½	Gardiner	33	...	3.3	13.2
81	33½	Glasslaw	63½	...	2.1	18.8
97½	70½	Gowrings	82½		4.2	14.0
101	72½	Hamlet	82½	...	9.1	7.8
292	216	Harris (Philip)	252½		4.1	19.0
295½	200½	Heartland	280		2.3	23.2
200	132	Holders Tech	187½	..	4.5	15.7
210½	153	ISA Intl	210		1.5	19.1
318	231	Inchcape	271½		3.8	23.2
78	33	Jacks (Wm)	52½	- 5	4.8	18.1
260	169	Kwik-Fit	224½	- 1½	2.9	18.8
390	299	Lex Service	363½	+ 2½	5.3	11.6
155	114	Lookers	114½	..	8.7	6.7
17	10½	Malaga Gp	12	..	6.9	12.9
9½	6	Middleview	6½	..	1.5	9.5
47	31	Mistral	43	...	0.7	...
505	440	Norbain	465½		2.0	13.7
349	230	Northamber	324	- 2½	0.8	12.0
162	108	PCT	125		7.7	11.1
331	201½	Parkway	322½	...	2.8	15.4
342½	272	Pendragon	342½		3.4	16.6
211	145	Perry Grp	180½	+ 2	5.5	8.7
745	602	Premier Farnell	705		2.0	27.5
190	135	Quicks Group	148½	...	5.5	11.1
315	185	REA	282½		1.8	33.9
3	2	Reece	2½			
56	20½	Ronson	30½		9.1	7.1
4½	2	Ross Gp	3			
56	45½	SEP Indl	52		4.0	11.2
195	69	Saline	72½		1.7	23.5
417½	245	Time Products	364½		3.8	14.7
301½	127	UMECO	290		2.2	30.8
332½	263½	Vardy (Reg)	288½		2.8	13.6
463	325	WF Elect	460		3.5	19.6
59	29¼	Walshaw	34	+ ¼	3.1	10.0
149¾	75½	Wyko	130½	+ 2	2.2	18.5
146	104	Young (H)	133½		3.7	12.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1¼	0¾	Anglo Utd	0¾			
388	288	Antofagasta	372½	..	1.7	14.5
387	353	Ascot Hldgs	372	+ 1		12.2
1056	785	Bodycote Intl	870½	+ 10½	2.8	20.2
340	229	BTR	240	- 2	5.0	18.0
586	411	BAT	440	+ 5	7.0	8.5
224	102½	Berisford Intl	121	+ 4½	3.6	8.8
147½	108	Bibby (J)	128½	+ ½	7.0	7.9
66	50½	Brierley Invt	56½	+ ¼	8.2	8.5
872	749½	Charter	751½	- 2½	4.7	10.7
328	207	Cookson	219½	- 5½	4.8	11.7
227½	141	Cosalt	215		5.9	
283	204	DCC	261½		3.3	10.4
141½	118	Grampian Hdg	110½	..	7.1	11.4
139½	76½	Hanson	78½	+ ¼	19.1	4.0

ELECTRICITY

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

ENGINEERING

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

HEALTHCARE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

LEISURE & HOTELS

MEDIA

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
617	455	Abbott Mead	616	..	1.9	31.2
305	149	Adscene	157½	+ 3	6.7	18.6
66	37½	Aegis Gp	61½	..	2.4	19.9
140	81½	Atlantic Telecom	122½	..	...	
31	14	BBB Design©	20	+ 1	..	23.6
425	273	Barbour Index	336		3.5	30.1
9	5½	Bebeato	7½	- ¼	..	
370	325	Black (A&C)	370		4.7	13.0
502	238	Blenheim Gp	501		2.8	16.5
318	249	Border TV	303½	..	2.4	20.7
433	355	Bristol	430	..	4.1	22.9
697	376	BSkyB	524	- 2	1.3	36.1
188	127½	CIA Gp	127½	- 3½	2.2	14.0
734	533	Capital Radio	565	+ 4½	2.8	19.4
534	379½	Carlton Comm	490½		2.8	16.6
558	363	Chrysalis	500	...	0.7	

MINING

OIL & GAS

OTHER FINANCIAL

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
143	82½	Aberdeen Tst	91		3.8	17.9
110½	77	BWD	102½	...	6.2	11.8
54½	34½	Berry Brch Mkt	52½	...	4.3	8.8
345	252	Bolton Inv	280½	- ½	..	
205	151	Brown Dolphin	180		4.9	11.8
805	695	Caledonia	738	- 6	3.0	24.0
2550	1708	Camellia	2400		1.7	12.5
278	213	Cattles	248½	- 2	3.6	18.7
42	18	Christie	37½			
152½	100	EFT Group	152½	+ 1	1.0	16.7
725	574	EFM	580	- 3½	5.4	25.6
118	50½	Enco	58½	...	18.8	9.5
1280	1075	Henderson Ad	1160½	- 3½	4.9	17.0
286	217	Invesco	282½	- 1	2.3	15.2
97½	79½	Investment Co.	94½	..	2.6	24.5
288	228	Ivory Sime	280½		3.7	20.9
238½	183¼	Jardine Stiff	189	+ 7¼	4.3	

PHARMACEUTICALS

PRINTING & PAPER

PROPERTY

RETAILERS, FOOD

RETAILERS, GENERAL

SUPPORT SERVICES

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TEXTILES & APPAREL

TRANSPORT

WATER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	96	Hyder Cm Pf	106	+ ¼	9.3	
605	430	Mid Kent Hldgs	597½	...	5.0	10.3
686	516	Severn Trent	656½	+ 5	6.2	7.3
2800	2375	South Staffs	2800	+ 25	3.4	14.8
731	488	South West	601½	+ ½	6.9	8.6
599	526½	Thames	574½	+ 2	6.6	7.4
633	528	Utd Utilities	600	- 2½	6.0	12.1
376	335	Wessex	362½	- 5	6.2	7.2
791	590	Yorkshire	681	+ 5½	5.7	9.5

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	16	Abacus Recruit	84½			24.1
213	95	Cafe Inns	176	+ 2½	1.7	13.5
171½	58	Country Gdns	167½	- 2½	1.0	17.2
1950	850	Dawson Hldgs	1925		2.1	16.9
44½	14	Freepages	44½	+ 1¼		
117	92	Megalomedia	99½		...	56.3
475	22½	Memory Corp	65½	- 1		
180	85¼	Old English Pubs	177		1.0	55.6
500	232½	Pet City	450	- 10		
391	158½	Prism Rail	365			
595	520	Southern News	580½		3.9	18.1
79½	50	Southern Vectis	70½		3.4	18.3
342	122	Surrey Fr Invst	340	+ 5	0.8	
79½	44½	Trocadero	44½	- 2½		

Source: FT Information

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]		6.98	6.52
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]		13.10	6.40
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]		10.40	6.34
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]		8.61	6.54
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]	...	13.95	6.66
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.44	6.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.20	6.75
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]		12.72	6.87
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.61	6.91
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.98	6.99
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.06	7.01
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	11.02	6.97

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.73	7.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.79	7.38
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.94	7.22
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.17	6.16
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.47	7.43
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.02	7.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.97	7.48
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.44	7.46
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.81	7.41
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7½% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.43	7.46
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.63	7.51
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.78	7.39

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.69	7.38
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.94	7.52
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.11	7.57
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.77	7.62

LONGS (over 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.12	7.69
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.08	7.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.06	7.69
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.77	7.44
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.79	7.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.71	7.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2015	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.75	7.67

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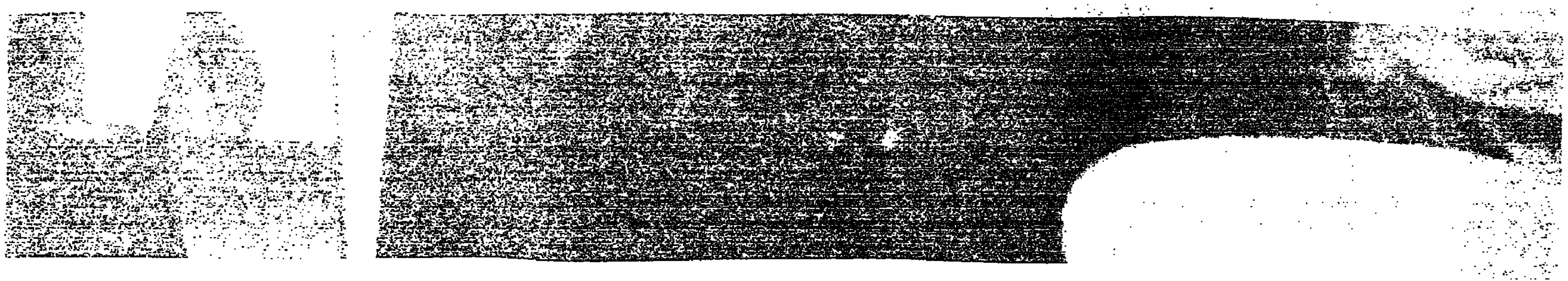

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
[illegible]	227.50	241.22		0.14
[illegible] Equity	287.50	299.80	-1.50	1.82
[illegible] Euro	365.30	385.70	-1.25	0.57
[illegible] East Ptd	131.50	138.30		2.59
[illegible] Gilt	76.27	78.80	-0.81	6.18
[illegible] Japan	152.30	162.20†	-1.00	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	672.30	716.32	-1.60	2.49
General Inc	562.00	597.90	-1.40	2.49
UK Growth Acc	467.80	492.22†	-1.80	2.62
UK Growth Inc	299.40	318.68†	-0.60	2.66
Higher Inc Acc	873.70	956.72†	-0.30	4.10
Higher Inc Inc	433.50	461.20†	-0.25	4.10
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	273.52	275.40		5.39
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	90.45	98.77		5.39
Nth America	363.80	383.90†	+0.30	
Europe	309.40	321.30	-2.30	0.43
Int Fixed	91.51	97.35†	-0.03	2.89
Eur Fxd Int Acc	116.80	124.22	+0.10	4.55
Eur Fxd Int Inc	78.17	83.10	+0.02	4.56
Global Opps	100.23	106.70†		
Balanced Acc	63.29	67.32†	-0.10	2.55
Balanced Inc	59.07	62.83†	-0.10	2.55
Japan Acc	41.32	43.95	-0.44	
Pac Basin Acc	391.96	417.00†	-0.60	0.73
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilt & Fixed Int	133.29	141.30		6.97
High Inc Equity	182.80	196.70†	-0.40	4.49
Worldwide Bond	271.50	287.90†	-0.70	5.11
American Growth	398.70	417.30	+1.70	0.30
Asian Pacific	318.70	340.90	-0.39	0.08
Assets & Earnings	303.20	321.20†	-1.20	2.91
Euro Capital Acc	185.90	198.90	-1.00	0.89
Extra Inc	42.85	45.58†	-0.12	7.37
General	280.00	297.30	-1.10	2.94
Global Opps	68.00	72.38	-0.22	0.55
Japan	104.90	112.25	-1.09	
Managed Inc	47.82	50.87†	-0.11	4.72
Mastertrust	166.10	177.68	-0.80	1.03
UK Emerging Cos	199.79	212.40	-2.50	
Ethical	81.59	86.80	-0.06	2.15
International	133.80	142.30	-0.68	0.51
Dividend & Growth	68.54	72.92	-0.14	4.21
Global Gwth & Sec	73.72	78.74	-0.14	2.36
Latin America	62.45	66.44	-0.43	
Capital Reserve	146.25	146.25		4.79
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2352.00	2445.30	-10.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	61.29	63.61†	+0.25	0.15
Emerging Mkts	66.78	71.03	+0.07	0.05
European	149.70	155.70	-3.50	
Exempt	1091.60	1149.00†	+3.90	1.62
Extra Income #	47.06	49.47	-0.10	6.58
Far East Emg [illegible]	124.70	132.90	-0.38	0.48
Fixed Interest #	25.29	26.30†		9.03
Fund Inv Tst	152.80	162.30†	-0.30	[illegible]
Japan	161.20	169.10	-1.30	
Latin American	56.27	56.55	-0.20	0.63
Pacific	61.27	65.22	-0.17	0.31
Property Share	73.36	77.02	+0.01	2.38
UK Emerging Cos	69.91	75.56	+0.05	1.27
UK Growth	54.61	56.87†	-0.05	2.06
Aber World Port #	62.31	65.85	-0.04	3.45
Ethical	77.40	80.49	-0.01	2.19
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.75	52.80	-0.64	7.30
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5858				
Restd Property #	99.28	106.80		5.31
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	91.36	97.45	-0.02	2.32
Income Growth Inc	82.74	88.02	+0.08	2.34
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Capital	525.60	548.70†	-0.50	1.16
Balanced	535.30	566.70	-1.50	2.32
Accumulator	1611.30	1762.00†	-5.00	1.81
Income Trusts				
American Income	61.79	65.95	-0.22	[illegible]
High Income	407.20	435.20	-0.60	4.33
Govt Securities	34.55	36.56†	+0.15	5.57
International Trusts				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	102.25	108.98	-0.03	1.85
American Portfolio	123.46	131.93	-0.85	1.02
European Portfolio	134.55	143.07†	-1.43	0.63
High Income	52.16	52.28†	+0.01	7.49
Japanese Portfolio	62.14	65.85	-0.58	
Pacific Portfolio	155.03	168.70	-0.43	1.09
UK Equity	97.27	103.89†	-0.05	3.45
UK Equity & Bd	57.80	61.23	+0.08	6.23
UK Smlr Cos	51.61	56.30	+0.02	1.25
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	775.31	787.03	+6.14	4.24
Fxd Int Sec	158.59	159.23	+1.32	8.98
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	765.89	777.47	+5.44	4.35
Investment Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+25.07	
Fixed Int Inc	128.09	128.55	+1.20	9.02
Fixed Int Acc	233.17	234.11	+2.15	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Exchequer Gilt	89.20	94.04†		4
Exch Bio-Tech	39.77	43.33	-1.68	
Accum Ethical Tst	187.49	195.88		0.45
City Fin Assets	79.09	83.05†		2.32
City Fin Intl	89.78	94.28†		0.46
Frans Hse Cap	318.51	330.23	...	2.58
Buckley Wrld Gth	134.59	142.66	...	
J Str Inc/Gth Inc	57.45	60.33	+0.02	3.08
Shaw Utilities	58.89	60.09†	+0.15	6.06
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	52.54	55.75	-0.19	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	79.30	84.36	-0.09	
Dragon Growth	71.68	76.08	-0.08	0.32
Equity High Inc	89.61	95.98	-0.27	4.25
-do- Accum	129.70	138.93	-0.38	4.25
Extra Income Inc	26.72	28.14	-0.06	7.43
Extra Income Acc	29.40	30.96	-0.07	7.43
European Gwth	63.31	67.17	-0.21	0.82
Evergreen	31.23	33.40	-0.11	...
General Equity	104.92	111.32	-0.42	2.90
Japan Growth	43.86	46.66	-0.39	
Pedigree Gwth	64.10	68.65	-0.30	2.40
Ped Sm Cos Inc	37.53	40.36†	-0.08	1.43
-do- Accum	40.01	43.02	-0.08	1.43
Retirement Inc #	27.34	29.54	-0.08	6.84
Special Sits	46.09	49.56	-0.13	2.42
UK & Overseas	59.88	63.53	-0.20	0.54
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 080				
Balanced	70.36	73.29	-0.01	4.12
Capital	83.84	87.33	-0.12	2.62
High Income	52.04	54.20†	-0.07	6.70
Top 50	56.72	59.08	-0.08	2.59
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	194.88	203.00†	+0.17	4.52
Long Gilt	44.12	45.94†	+0.07	6.02
Monthly Inc Plus	50.38	52.48		8.54
Preference Share	47.53	49.51†	+0.04	7.87
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	142.20	148.13†	+0.14	5.76
Managed Fund	77.08	80.29†	-0.21	2.71
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.58	56.81	-0.02	1.70
-do- Accum	63.33	65.97	-0.02	1.70
UK & General	98.10	102.19†	-0.32	2.90
-do- Accum	129.07	134.45†	-0.44	2.90
UK Growth	189.05	[illegible]	-0.37	1.35
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	209.26	217.98	-0.82	0.66
Far Eastern Gth	131.72	137.21	-0.18	0.02
Global Bond	76.66	79.85†	-0.30	6.21
Japan Growth	102.93	107.22	-0.77	
North Amer Gth	238.92	248.88	-0.04	
Oriental Growth	83.21	86.68	-0.04	0.27
Worldwide Growth	71.52	74.50	-0.24	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.97	91.97†	+0.01	5.23
Homeowners Fund	90.47	96.24	-0.17	1.57
Quilter Fund	155.58	165.51	-0.19	1.93
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.91	38.38	+0.11	4.33
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	177.90	189.30†	-0.25	2.34
Income	72.40	75.09	+0.25	4.95
European	74.79	79.56	-0.40	0.90
Recovery	186.90	198.80	-0.25	2.22
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
Equity Tst	931.20	995.60†		3.41
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
[illegible]	112.56	119.60	+0.10	1.55
Income #	285.20	303.30†	-0.60	4.52
-do- Accum #	761.40	809.90	-1.50	4.62
Smaller Cos	236.50	251.50	-0.25	0.66
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	80.07	85.22	+0.31	
-do- Accum	80.67	85.22	+0.31	
Amer Smlr Cos	640.30	684.80	-1.00	
-do- Accum	654.10	699.60	-0.90	
Capital Tst	402.30	427.90	-0.10	1.09
-do- Accum	590.90	628.60	-0.10	1.09
Conti Smlr Cos	59.81	63.66	-0.42	1.31
-do- Accum	63.63	67.73	-0.44	1.31
Convertible	144.80	154.00	+0.10	5.10
-do- Accum	313.40	333.40	+0.20	5.10
Emerging Markets	62.19	66.44	-0.14	0.30
-do- Accum	62.40	66.67	-0.14	0.30
European	150.10	159.00	-0.70	0.50
-do- Accum	159.00	168.58	-0.60	0.50
Extra Income	397.20	422.60	-0.40	4.45
-do- Accum	632.50	672.90	-0.70	4.45
Financial	176.30	187.60†	-0.10	0.46
-do- Accum	187.30	199.30†	-0.30	0.46
Gilt Trust	63.49	65.47†	+0.06	6.79
-do- Accum	98.74	101.80†	+0.10	6.79
Health Fund Inc	234.50	250.50†	-0.90	
-do- Accum	234.50	250.50†	-0.90	
Income & Growth	229.20	243.80†	-0.10	3.61
-do- Accum	370.30	393.90†	-0.10	3.61
Intl Growth	423.40	451.00†	-0.60	
-do- Accum	470.20	500.50†	-0.50	
Japan & Gen	154.50	164.70	-1.20	
-do- Accum	156.00	165.90	-1.20	..
Monthly Inc #	201.60	214.50†	+0.20	4.38
-do- Accum #	202.20	215.10†	+0.20	4.38
Managed Ptfl Inc	121.00	127.40	-0.30	1.41
-do- Accum	131.50	138.40	-0.30	1.41
Quarterly Income #	57.10	61.18†	-0.11	5.28
-do- Accum #	66.18	70.97†	-0.14	5.28
Recovery	335.10	358.40	-0.90	
-do- Accum	395.60	423.10	-1.00	
UK Growth	68.07	72.41	-0.10	2.76
-do- Accum	73.81	78.52	-0.11	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715035 Enq 01722 715034				
FP American	61.83	65.91†	+0.16	0.05
FP Am Smlr Cos	198.90	212.10†	+0.30	
FP Asian Growth	275.60	293.90	-0.10	
FP Australian	416.20	443.90	+6.40	
FP Equity Dist	456.63	487.00†	-2.00	2.48
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-4.00	2.48
FP Euro Gth	287.60	308.70	-1.60	..
-do- Accum	314.60	335.50	-1.80	
FP Intl Bond	57.58	60.93	-0.08	4.12
FP Intl Gth Dist	37.48	39.97†	-0.11	0.08
-do- Accum	55.04	58.70	-0.16	0.08
FP Pac Basin Acc	211.60	225.70†	-0.40	
FP Income #	58.64	62.54	-0.38	4.95
-do- Accum #	204.90	218.50	-1.20	4.95
FP Jap Smlr Cos	265.90	284.80	-3.00	..
FP Monthly Dist #	75.41	80.43†	-0.27	4.87
FP Stlg Deposit	100.50	100.50†	..	5.30
FP Tokyo	74.54	79.50	-0.66	
FP UK Focus	42.37	45.19†	-0.20	1.95
FP UK Growth	198.80	[illegible]	-1.00	2.28
-do- Accum	402.70	429.50	-2.80	2.28
Stewardship Dist	430.60	459.50†	-0.80	1.38
-do- Accum	544.40	580.60	-1.00	1.38
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	78.91	84.17†	-0.28	4.80
-do- Accum #	109.50	116.80	-0.40	4.80
N Am Stshp Dist	123.40	131.60	+0.70	0.28
-do- Accum	132.60	141.40	+0.80	0.28
FP Exempt Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	*101.30*	*101.80*	*+0.10*	*3.50*
Inst Ethical Ac #	101.30	101.80	+0.10	3.50
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	126.80	135.00†	+0.40	1.60
Open Cap Gth Acc	129.10	137.30†	+0.30	0.19
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	118.00	125.50	+0.20	3.32
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	125.10	133.00	+0.20	3.32
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	121.20	128.90	+0.10	3.95
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	129.40	137.60	+0.10	3.95
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	291.50	309.30†	-1.30	1.93
Cash	49.35	50.09†	...	4.83
Growth Portfolio	87.07	92.63	-0.45	0.55
Income Portfolio	70.19	74.47†	-0.14	3.30
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 238 6447				
Special Sits	220.20	235.50	+1.10	0.32
Dividend	98.74	105.60	-0.20	4.58
Int Gth & Inc	248.00	265.20	-1.50	2.62
UK & Gen	50.32	53.62	-0.32	1.54
Fund of Funds	74.08	79.23	+0.15	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smr Cos	233.70	250.00	+0.20	0.13
European Gth	729.70	775.60	-2.00	0.61
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	53.86	57.03	-0.11	5.29
-do- Accum	61.15	64.74	-0.12	5.29
Far East & Gen	245.90	264.40	-0.10	
German Growth	145.00	153.90	+0.80	
High Yield #	49.88	52.77	-0.03	7.93
-do- Accum #	55.87	59.10	-0.04	7.93
Income Inc	198.00	211.40	-0.60	4.06
-do- Accum	225.30	242.10	-0.70	4.05
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.10	0.30
Intl Income	94.86	100.50		2.95
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.70	
Korean Securities	42.79	45.77	-0.07	
[illegible] Acc	194.60	208.00	-0.40	0.14
UK General Inc	192.90	[illegible]	-0.10	1.56
UK General Acc	355.40	382.20	-0.10	1.56
[illegible]	59.63	63.93	+0.05	1.82
UK Spec Sits	133.70	140.90	-0.20	1.48
US Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.40	
Wwide Spec Sits	162.62	174.20	-0.50	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only 01277 264 421				

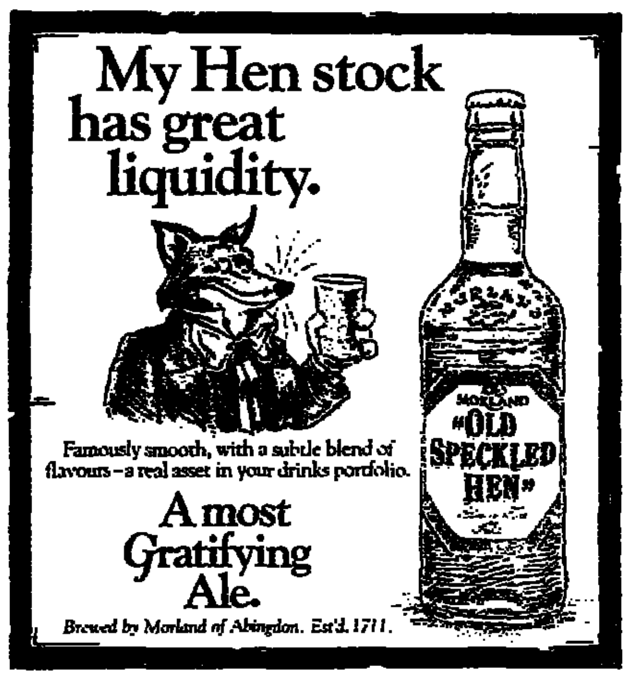
	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	193.92	207.27	+0.30	
European	612.36	649.26†	-2.46	0.31
European Income #	93.87	99.47	-0.25	3.37
Euro Smlr Cos	192.08	205.78†	-0.71	0.97
European Value	92.70	98.49†	-0.32	0.13
-do- Accum	99.08	105.95	-0.35	0.13
Japan Trust	205.73	218.49	-1.59	
Japan Smlr Cos	205.03	216.11†	-2.03	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	234.96	250.32†	-2.70	.
North American	322.81	342.70	+0.48	.
American Smaller	172.04	183.71†	-0.25	.
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	162.60	171.40	+1.00	4.91
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	123.26	129.07†	-0.31	1.72
Capital	203.82	213.42	-0.47	1.44
Dollar	511.24	535.33†	+0.27	
Enterprise Gth	435.82	456.36	-0.44	0.93
European	273.66	286.78	-0.84	0.60
Far East	311.30	325.97	+0.62	0.18
Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1.77
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.20	27.44†	-0.07	7.33
High Yield #	112.37	117.67	-0.07	5.03
Income & Growth #	162.80	170.47†	-0.17	3.75
International	290.68	304.37	-0.31	0.27
Japanese General	189.35	198.27	-1.56	
Japan Tech	80.46	84.25	-0.47	
Nat Resources	81.21	85.04	+1.14	0.46
Portfolio	86.12	90.18	-0.15	1.19
Special Sits	211.75	221.73	+0.03	0.07
UK Emerging Cos	131.66	137.86	-0.03	0.76
US Smaller Cos	157.77	165.20	-0.32	..
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	650.80	683.70	-0.10	5.46
UK Growth	720.80	769.38†	-1.50	2.51
High Income #	116.80	123.80†	-0.20	5.63
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	631.60	668.30	+2.50	0.26
European Gwth	144.60	153.60	-0.80	0.11
Japan Gwth	253.40	269.50†	-1.70	...
Japan Smlr Cos	30.59	32.85	-0.34	
Asian	62.73	66.95	-0.24	0.18
Sing & Malay Gwth	84.40	90.07	-0.03	...
Hong Kong Gwth	158.40	168.80	-1.00	1.04
Global Bond	21.58	22.78	-0.06	5.08
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	169.90	170.80	-0.40	3.26
Trust Index	129.80	133.10	-0.10	2.20
THE FOOTSIE FUND	66.16	66.49	-0.18	2.87
Index Funds-International				
American Index	291.40	292.90	-0.10	0.92
Eurotrack 100	199.30	200.30	-0.70	1.45
Japan Index	71.70	72.06	-0.50	0.10
Tiger Index	190.00	192.80	-1.20	0.15
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	50.23	52.30	-0.07	1.26
General Funds				
Managed Dist	88.92	92.58†	-0.20	1.40
Managed	91.79	95.56†	-0.19	1.40
Rupert Child Fnd	103.80	108.10	-0.20	2.12
UK Growth	*71.59*	*74.53†*	*-0.04*	*1.86*
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	89.49	93.17	+0.03	5.40
Gilt & Fixed Int #	27.06	27.94	-0.05	8.03
UK Inc & Gwth	48.52	50.52†	-0.01	3.02
UK Income #	376.70	392.20†		4.22
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	64.24	66.56	+0.36	0.11
Asian Smlr Cos	156.60	163.00	-0.90	
-do- Accum	158.30	164.80	-0.90	..
Europe Gth	234.60	244.00	-0.70	
-do- Accum	243.00	252.70	-0.70	
Euro Smaller Cos	45.44	47.30†	-0.10	
French Growth	97.11	100.90	-0.20	0.08
-do- Accum	105.00	109.00	-0.20	0.08
H Kong & China	101.20	105.20	-0.70	0.79
Intl Growth	67.82	70.54†	-0.23	0.06
-do- Accum	69.06	71.83†	-0.22	0.06
Japan Gth	28.54	29.69	-0.26	
-do- Accum	28.54	29.69	-0.26	..
Japan Smaller Cos	33.98	35.35	-0.50	
Glob Emg Mkts	89.82	93.51	-0.36	
-do- Accum	90.46	94.18	-0.35	0.11
SE Asia	345.30	359.50	+0.90	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	51.38	52.96†	-0.04	6.46
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690445				
Sector Value Inc #	104.10	109.80†	-0.80	3.75
Sector Value Gwth	105.60	111.40†	-0.70	2.05
Hy 5 Europa	101.80	108.80	-0.40	2.36
Slater Gwth	178.90	189.80†	+0.40	0.48
New Japan	91.68	96.57	-1.13	.
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	188.10	200.10	+1.10	
Income #	221.07	235.18	+0.46	4.25
UK Growth	86.74	92.27	-0.09	1.65

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	94.49	100.60	-0.70	
Master Trust	68.01	72.36	-0.29	1.36
-do- Accum	78.53	83.55	-0.34	1.36
Millennium Acc	95.69	101.80		2.30
N American Gth	249.50	265.50	+0.10	..
-do- Accum	288.70	307.20	+0.10	
N Am Sm Co Rec	192.20	204.50	-0.30	
-do- Accum	196.20	208.80	-0.30	.
Pacific Basin	255.60	272.00	+0.20	
-do- Accum	272.20	289.60	+0.10	
Small Cos Rec	531.70	559.10†	-1.00	1.87
-do- Accum	733.50	772.20	-1.40	1.87
UK Eq Gth	165.00	175.60	-0.90	2.48
UK Eq Inc	128.60	136.90	-0.70	3.90
UK Growth	105.60	112.40	-1.80	1.80
-do- Accum	132.60	141.10	-2.30	1.80
Worldwide Gth	351.10	373.80	-1.00	0.30
-do- Accum	*518.90*	*552.10*	*-1.50*	*0.30*
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	88.57	94.88	+0.25	0.70
General	107.60	115.45†	-0.58	2.70
Income	72.99	78.31	-0.43	5.90
International	73.07	78.40	-0.17	0.50
Japan	51.80	55.58	-0.52	
Tst of Inv Tsts	76.19	81.74†	-0.08	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	528.70	556.20	+0.40	0.29
-do- Accum	659.20	696.20	+0.50	0.29
Amer Recovery	586.10	619.80†	-0.70	0.06
-do- Accum	677.80	716.80†	-0.80	0.06
Amer Smlr Cos	164.40	173.90	-0.30	
-do- Accum	168.00	177.70	-0.30	
Australasian	214.90	227.30	+4.10	2.10
-do- Accum	269.90	285.50	+5.10	2.10
Capital	976.20	1032.30	+0.10	2.91
-do- Accum	1165.60	1232.60	+0.20	2.91
Charifund	756.60	764.20†	+0.10	5.96
-do- Accum	3953.10	3992.70†	+0.90	5.96
Commodity	484.00	511.80	+7.30	0.16
-do- Accum	715.70	756.80	+10.80	0.16
Compound Gth	1114.10	1178.20†	-0.60	2.77
-do- Accum	1230.70	1301.50†	-0.70	2.77
Corporate Bond	26.00	26.10	+0.09	7.30
Dividend	43.40	45.90†	-0.10	4.89
-do- Accum	196.80	208.40†	-0.30	4.89
Equity Income	329.70	349.70		5.71
-do- Accum	457.10	483.50		5.71
Euro & General	625.90	661.90	-3.30	0.73
-do- Accum	803.80	850.00	-4.30	0.73
Euro Dividend	80.70	85.30	-0.20	3.59
-do- Accum	102.70	108.60	-0.20	3.59
Euro Smlr Cos	49.90	52.80	-0.20	0.50
-do- Accum	49.90	52.80	-0.20	0.50
Extra Yield	459.90	486.30	-0.10	5.09
-do- Accum	1555.40	1645.00	-0.20	5.09
Fund of Inv Tsts	715.10	756.20†	+0.20	1.93
-do- Accum	1381.40	1460.90†	+0.40	1.93
General	69.70	73.70	.	3.85
-do- Accum	205.20	217.10		3.85
Gilt Income	62.34	62.43†	+0.31	6.90
-do- Accum	191.76	192.05†	+0.85	6.90
Gold	75.50	79.80	+0.30	0.16
-do- Accum	90.30	95.50	+0.40	0.16
High Income	33.10	35.00		4.68
-do- Accum	141.40	149.50		4.68
Intl Growth	89.60	94.80		0.67
-do- Accum	158.60	167.70	-0.10	0.67
International Inc	108.20	114.40†	+0.20	4.62
-do- Accum	173.70	183.70†	+0.30	4.62
Japan & Gen	36.80	38.80†	-0.30	
-do- Accum	39.40	41.60†	-0.30	
Japan Smlr Cos	131.20	138.70†	-2.10	
-do- Accum	132.10	139.60†	-2.20	
Managed Gwth	27.00	28.50		1.67
Managed Income	29.70	31.20		4.23
Midland	61.20	64.70†	+0.10	3.32
-do- Accum	215.50	228.40†	+0.40	3.32
Pension Ex	1061.50	1088.10†	-2.10	4.30
Recovery	46.90	49.60	.	3.12
-do- Accum	80.70	85.40		3.12
Second General	76.70	81.10	+0.10	3.92
-do- Accum	208.00	219.90	+0.30	3.92
Smaller Cos	70.00	74.00	-0.10	3.37
-do- Accum	144.90	153.30	-0.30	3.37
Sth East Asia	386.20	408.40	+1.40	1.14
-do- Accum	517.30	547.00	+1.90	1.14
Treasury	25.15	25.30	+0.01	5.60
Trustee	43.50	46.00†	+0.10	5.34
-do- Accum	190.00	201.10†	+0.40	5.34
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	98.40	104.68†	-0.37	1.06
Intl Bond	62.99	66.17†	-0.03	5.20
Intl Equity Growth	84.77	90.03†	-0.23	0.75
N Amer Growth	138.19	146.68	+0.64	0.82
Special Sits Growth	28.06	29.85	-0.10	1.99
UK Growth	461.47	490.92†	-2.36	2.56
-do- Accum	637.24	677.91	-3.12	2.56
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1431.70	1453.80†		2.90
Income #	1040.00	1056.90		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	165.00	168.70		3.59

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	101.20	107.30	+0.10	5.17
Income	104.20	110.80	-0.20	2.31
Japan Growth	46.72	49.52	+0.17	
Managed	84.38	89.78	-0.14	1.96
Money Market	95.97	101.70		3.05
North American	112.20	118.90	+0.60	0.38
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	122.00	129.80	-0.20	1.36
European Growth	123.30	130.80	-0.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	95.41	101.20	+0.20	5.19
Income	102.10	108.60	-0.20	2.36
Japan Growth	46.52	49.31	+0.17	
Managed	80.61	85.76	-0.14	1.94
Money Market	88.47	93.78	+0.02	3.97
North American	101.20	107.30	+0.50	0.46
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	121.00	128.70	-0.20	1.36
European Growth	*120.70*	*127.90*	*-0.10*	
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.62	90.81	+0.11	5.43
Income	99.17	105.50	-0.20	2.42
Japan Growth	47.54	50.39	+0.16	
Managed	83.11	88.42	-0.14	1.96
Money Market	80.45	85.28	+0.01	4.08
North American	113.40	120.20	+0.60	0.35
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (RES)	15.24	16.15		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	471.10	499.80†	-0.80	
European Gth Inc	557.40	597.00	-2.40	
-do- Accum	563.40	603.50	-2.40	
Intl Gwth	229.30	243.70†	-1.00	
UK Equity Inc	223.90	238.40†	-0.20	3.83
Do Accum	305.60	325.30†	-0.30	3.83
UK Ind Trckr Inc	195.40	208.50	-0.40	3.10
-do- Accum	241.70	257.70	-0.40	3.10
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	282.30	298.70	-0.10	0.82
Japan Tracker	66.93	70.58†	-0.56	
Asian Trader	222.80	240.40†	+0.10	0.14
Mngd Ptflo Inc	188.68	201.10	-0.40	1.96
Mngd Ptflo Acc	205.80	219.40	-0.50	1.96
Deposit Inc	100.10	100.10†	+0.01	5.24
Europa	260.60	279.60	-0.10	
Genesis	214.30	231.20†	-0.50	2.44
High Income	20.75	21.98†	-0.03	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	108.80	111.10†	-0.20	1.91
Acumen Inc	98.68	100.70†	-0.20	1.91
Acumen Reserve	96.79	97.76†	-0.01	6.99
-do- Inc	74.68	75.42†	-0.01	6.99
American Growth	69.27	71.14	-0.09	
Equity Income #	104.30	106.90	-0.30	4.49
European	82.14	83.62	-0.22	0.52
Smaller Cos	89.98	94.13†	-0.74	1.19
W'wide Eqty	76.69	78.33		
Global Bond	43.22	43.67†	-0.04	5.38
UK Growth	*114.50*	*117.50*	*-0.60*	*1.43*
Pacific Growth	120.90	124.20	+1.20	0.40
Japan Growth	88.41	89.66	-0.06	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	150.64	160.26	+0.09	2.63
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 2262				
UK Growth	91.23	97.04	-0.24	2.19
UK Income	126.03	134.13†	-0.09	4.24
Higher Income	247.49	263.28	-0.08	4.28
Smaller Cos	106.56	113.36	+0.21	1.41
International	110.91	117.59†	-0.39	1.38
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	130.60	138.90	+0.20	0.08
European Dist	148.90	158.40†	-0.30	0.27
Far East Dist	190.50	202.70	-0.30	
Global Care Dist	86.36	91.87	+0.27	0.36
Oseas Dist	1147.30	1220.50	-1.70	
-do- Accum	1491.20	1586.40	-2.10	
UK Dist	430.20	457.70†	-1.30	2.18
-do- Accum	883.30	939.60	-2.50	2.18
UK Extra Inc Dist	96.59	102.76	-0.16	2.90
Wwide Dist	118.50	126.10†	-0.20	
Wwide Inc Dist	88.08	93.70†	-0.07	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 390 Admin Enq. 01277 690 396				
Europe Inc	79.23	83.62	-0.18	0.72
Fund of Funds Inc	69.86	73.73	-0.17	1.76
North America Inc	68.95	72.80	+0.07	0.35
UK Equity Gth Inc	69.03	72.85†	-0.07	2.77
-do- Accum	75.21	79.38	-0.07	2.77
UK General Inc	67.86	71.62†	-0.13	2.85
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.50	51.08†	-0.07	6.58
UK Income Inc	66.66	70.55†	-0.05	4.24
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	53.12	56.51†	+0.03	
-do- Accum	53.54	56.95†	[illegible]	
Bond	129.05	137.13	+0.14	5.47
Cash Income	50.12	50.12†		5.29
-do- Accum	69.46	69.46†		5.29
Distributor	103.98	110.61	-0.14	3.09
European	55.56	59.09	-0.07	
Foundation	110.76	117.82	+1.56	2.73
General Inc	214.71	229.41	-0.02	1.58
General Acc	216.86	230.79	-0.02	1.53
Global	364.93	388.22	-0.52	
Growth Inc	143.98	153.17†	-0.06	2.23
Growth Acc	147.72	157.14†	-0.08	2.29
Higher Income Inc	31.87	33.90	+0.02	4.83
-do- Accum	38.83	41.30	+0.02	[illegible]
Income	263.99	280.84†	+0.02	3.53
Intrepid	138.56	144.33		[illegible]
Japan	25.47	27.09	-0.25	
Oriental Inc	148.97	158.41	-0.57	[illegible]
-do- Accum	154.24	164.09	-0.59	[illegible]
Pers Intl Gwth	35.36	37.51	-0.37	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	48.70	51.52†	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Growth	115.70	[illegible]		[illegible]
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity	170.97	179.97	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Income	151.95	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	141.30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Growth	155.97	164.18†	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Index Trckg	169.72	179.34	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Index Trckg	170.53	179.95	[illegible]	[illegible]
International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European	250.58	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pan European	166.41	175.17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth American	244.95	257.85	[illegible]	[illegible]
N Amer Smlr Cos	244.60	257.47	[illegible]	
Japanese	84.69	89.15	[illegible]	
Pacific	236.32	[illegible]	-0.53	0.47
South East Asian	277.96	292.48†	-0.19	[illegible]
Intl Bond	122.72	129.71	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt & Convertible	111.52	117.43	[illegible]	[illegible]
Property	85.00	89.47	[illegible]	[illegible]
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	351.50	376.40	-2.30	[illegible]
-do- Accum	373.30	399.70	-2.50	[illegible]
Japan Inc	105.10	112.20†	-0.40	
Nth American Inc	150.40	159.90	-0.20	[illegible]
Worldwide Inc	177.70	[illegible]	-0.40	[illegible]
Hong Kong Inc	187.20	199.80	-0.60	[illegible]
Swiss Equities Inc	85.57	91.39	-0.05	
Wwide Bond Inc	66.49	70.50	-0.02	5.17
Emging Asia Inc	184.10	196.50	-0.50	[illegible]
-do- Accum	184.60	[illegible]	-0.50	0.01
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.12	50.12†	-0.01	[illegible]
Thailand Inc	116.20	128.20†	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Zealand Inc	103.90	111.42†	-0.10	2.56
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	71.20	76.29	-0.07	3.97
Latin Am Emrg Inc	60.65	65.09	-0.46	[illegible]
UK All Sh Idx Inc	71.50	72.65	-0.16	2.64
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Investors	84.12	89.99†	-0.36	
Global Portfolio	74.65	80.05	-0.15	
Global Opps	64.15	68.61	-0.07	
Marsh Global Gth	66.09	70.09	[illegible]	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	109.20	117.10		[illegible]
Temple Equity Inc	49.68	52.77	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hartley Growth	112.40	119.60	-0.30	[illegible]
Intl Growth Inc	93.77	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.34
IPS Portfolio Inc	90.12	96.71	-0.04	
Premier Portfolio Inc	69.22	74.03	-0.12	1.45
Roxburgh Stcl Gth	78.09	83.53†	-0.13	0.50
International [illegible]	82.46	87.72	[illegible]	
UFC Growth	62.37	66.65		

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	154.40	164.20	+0.10	1.34
-do- Accum	171.10	182.00	+0.10	1.34
Technology	674.80	717.80	-3.10	
UK Blue Chip	89.43	95.14	-0.27	3.07
-do- Accum	104.70	111.40	-0.30	3.07
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	46.13	47.80	-0.14	1.67
Cash Haven Inc	100.95	101.45†	+0.01	5.01
Cash Haven Acc	113.47	120.05	+0.01	5.01
Dist Trust Inc	107.05	110.93†	-0.21	5.77
Dist Trust Acc	121.40	125.80	-0.25	5.77
Global Growth	106.33	113.01	-0.23	1.28
Equity Inc	89.50	95.21†	-0.18	4.75
Equity	896.28	953.49†	-1.87	2.43
European	271.61	281.46	-1.37	1.04
High Income	94.32	100.23	-0.09	5.27
Intl Gth	222.22	236.40	-0.53	1.05
Intl Sm Co	96.58	102.74†	-0.27	0.65
Japanese	198.09	205.27	-1.99	
Nth Amer	241.86	250.56†	+0.33	1.27
Pacific Mkts	118.87	123.18	+1.09	0.46
Premier Inc	48.50	50.48†	-0.04	6.68
Sm Cos	112.55	119.73†	-0.07	1.79
Spec Sits	127.83	135.99	-0.31	2.69
UK Growth	149.71	159.27	-0.29	2.39
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	84.32	89.66	-0.01	3.78
Investment Trust	116.58	122.59	-0.08	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	108.96	114.59	+0.21	1.21
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	340.70	361.40†	-1.30	3.42
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	684.26	726.48	+2.23	0.21
America (Acc)	801.75	851.22	+2.61	0.21
Amer Smlr Cos	60.76	64.86	+0.10	
Asia	53.92	57.88	-0.25	.
European	416.46	441.44	-2.47	0.37
Japan	213.47	226.95	-2.00	
Jap Smlr Cos	36.50	38.94	-0.62	
Major UK Cos	120.81	128.78	-0.74	1.90
Smlr UK Cos	412.21	448.91	+0.17	1.05
UK Equity Inc #	186.38	199.30†	-0.75	4.39
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	51.18	53.45	+0.36	
Cash	48.52	50.53		2.84
Emerging Mkts	45.78	47.81	-0.09	
Europe	62.21	64.97	+0.25	
Global Fixed Int #	51.12	53.38	-0.06	5.40
Japan	39.09	40.82	+0.02	
North America	68.53	71.57	+0.06	
UK	66.32	69.26	+0.06	0.48
UK Equity Inc #	62.68	65.67	-0.04	3.69
UK *Fixed Int #*	52.40	54.72	-0.06	7.26
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	51.26	53.11	+0.04	
Pep Inc Port #	51.09	52.94	-0.02	4.26
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	90.86	95.64	+0.61	
Gilt	103.23	108.65	-0.04	
Managed	119.30	125.57	+1.09	
Portfolio	50.47	53.13	+0.03	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	122.30	130.10†	-0.40	
Pacific Basin	79.84	85.60†	+0.08	
High Inc Dist	161.10	172.00†	-0.60	1.64
Ryl Life Intl [illegible]	64.96	68.60	-0.07	1.88
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	77.76	82.82	+0.06	
Ryl Life Intl Spec	71.96	76.56	-0.16	
UK Emerging Cos	143.70	155.30	-0.10	1.53
UK Index Trckg	199.70	212.10†	-0.70	3.52
European	172.50	184.70†	+0.70	0.25
Managed	181.50	195.10	-0.10	1.01
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	195.70	208.10	-0.40	[illegible]
European Growth	139.10	147.50	+0.40	1.90
Far East Growth	146.90	156.30	+1.40	0.80
Japan Growth	118.00	125.40†	+1.00	
Special Sits	254.90	271.10	-0.40	1.81
UK Growth	105.60	110.30	-0.50	2.83
Union General	284.50	302.70†	-1.40	1.69
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 [illegible]-6500				
Far East Inc	172.80	182.90	+0.40	0.52
Gilt Euro Prog Inc	434.40	459.70	-0.80	0.93
-do- Accum	678.90	719.40	-1.30	0.93
Growth Inc	156.30	165.40	-0.20	0.99
-do- Accum	160.70	170.10	-0.20	0.99
International Inc	406.20	432.00	-1.70	0.94
-do- Accum	554.80	587.70	-2.30	0.94
Nth Am & Intl Inc	392.70	415.60	-1.80	
UK Gen Prog Inc	259.00	274.10	-0.10	1.08
-do- Accum	295.50	312.90	-0.20	1.08
UK High Inc Inc	149.90	158.60	-0.20	4.74
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	124.96	132.95	-0.16	0.75
European Gwth	91.76	97.66	-0.52	1.00
Global Bd	61.59	65.06		[illegible]
Japan	49.70	52.87	-0.30	
UK Gwth	90.53	[illegible]	-0.16	[illegible]
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	227.40	242.90	-0.70	0.25
Wwide Venture Inc	92.67	98.59	-0.51	0.42
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	452.80	482.90	-1.40	2.53
-do- Accum	694.60	740.60	-2.30	2.53
UK High Inc	215.70	230.00	-0.60	2.80
-do- Accum	334.70	356.90	-1.20	2.80
Europe Inc	467.90	499.10	-0.50	0.51
Nth Amer Inc	326.60	348.50	+1.80	
Global Inc	250.90	267.60		0.18
Global Acc	271.50	289.60	+0.10	0.18
UK Spec Sits Inc	131.00	139.70	-0.10	1.73
South East Asia	229.80	245.10	-0.40	
Cash Trust Inc	102.00	102.00		[illegible]
UK Smlr Cos Inc	125.50	133.80	+0.10	1.71
-do- Accum	131.90	140.60		1.71
Intl Bond Inc	91.81	97.47	-0.10	5.16
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	160.60	169.10	-1.00	0.64
Nth American	143.60	151.20	-0.16	
Intl Bond & Conv	127.20	133.90†	-0.20	6.62
Pooled Pension (C)	235.90	253.60†		2.05
Smaller Cos	*118.10*	*124.30†*	*-0.50*	*0.93*
UK General #	167.30	176.10†	-0.60	2.15
Far Eastern	91.82	96.65†	-0.35	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
UK Equity Inc ‡	106.42		-0.90	4.94
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.12		-0.01	4.72
Preferred Income ‡	104.46		1.11	5.17
Tax Pan ‡	107.57		+0.16	
Aztec ‡	63.77		-0.22	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	128.43		-0.23	
European ‡	167.67		-0.58	
Global Bond ‡	87.17		-0.42	7.90
Samurai ‡	54.08		-0.20	
UK Growth ‡	109.44		-0.32	2.62
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	110.37		-0.56	2.56
Investment Trust ‡	112.29		-0.12	1.50
Roll Up ‡	96.36			
Glob Gwth PEP	77.75	82.71	-0.05	1.20
Inv Trust PEP	58.65	62.39	-1.39	2.49
Pref Inc PEP #	105.20	109.60†	-1.40	6.12
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	432.10	457.20	+1.20	
Capital	145.30	155.30		1.37
Cash	100.77	100.77	-0.01	5.35
European	163.10	172.50†	+0.70	0.52
Far Eastern	155.90	164.90	+1.00	
Growth	166.30	176.00	+0.50	1.21
Income #	138.50	146.50	-0.60	5.06
Magnum	153.50	164.10	-0.10	1.44
Smlr Secs	558.50	591.00†	-1.40	0.26
Thoroughbred	178.90	191.20	-0.10	1.34
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
[illegible]	57.60	61.57	+0.04	7.00
Ethical	82.06	87.75	-0.06	0.92
European Growth	82.07	87.03	-0.35	0.44
Income	61.76	66.05†	-0.50	[illegible]
Intl Growth	111.90	118.40	-0.10	0.07
Managed	93.58	99.18	-0.25	2.57
UK Growth	76.49	80.34	-0.12	1.76
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	46.52	46.76	-0.10	[illegible]
Global Advtg Acc	50.70	50.96	+0.10	1.33
Income Advtg Inc	35.97	36.15	-0.10	[illegible]
Income Advtg Acc	42.14	42.35	-0.20	[illegible]
UK Equity Gth Acc	103.80	110.10		0.81
Premier Inc Inc	49.69	52.30	-0.10	6.62
Premier Inc Acc	53.26	56.06	-0.10	6.62
Managed Acc	64.19	68.05	-0.10	[illegible]
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	41.32	43.60†	-0.10	3.74
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	55.08	58.39	-0.20	[illegible]
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	79.45	84.40	-0.20	[illegible]
UK Equity Gen Inc	56.97	60.45	-0.10	[illegible]
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.90	33.60†	-0.10	6.68
Ovsas Lrg Co Acc	360.50	391.20	+2.10	[illegible]
Nth American Acc	58.75	62.43	+0.20	
Pacific Basin	45.07	47.89	-0.50	[illegible]
European Acc	59.62	63.25	+0.30	[illegible]
Japan Acc	25.20	26.78	-0.20	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NCS)	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
US Eqts (US$)	3.624	[illegible]		[illegible]
Far East Eqts (yen)	262.10	279.50		
FT Europe	153.60	160.20†		[illegible]
FT N Amer (US$)	[illegible]	[illegible]		
FT Japan (yen)	230.50	240.30		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	84.40	89.78	-0.17	0.45
Ecology	102.39	105.92†	+0.57	[illegible]
European	205.97	216.78	-1.58	0.57
Far Eastern	207.30	216.70	-1.50	
UK Special Sits	53.76	57.34†	+0.06	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Fixed Income	102.10	105.60	-0.10	[illegible]
Gilt Yield	120.50	127.10	+0.70	[illegible]
Global Income	229.40	244.05†	-1.40	[illegible]
High Yield	153.70	163.50†	+0.10	5.70
-do- Accum	509.50	542.00†	+2.50	5.70
Smlr Cos Div	61.92	65.84†	+0.07	3.43
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	155.10	165.00		
Asian Growth	321.10	341.60	-1.30	
-do- Accum	377.40	401.50	-1.50	
North American	111.90	118.90	-0.42	0.22
European Special	125.40	133.40	+0.40	[illegible]
European	179.80	191.30	-0.30	0.47
-do- Accum	237.90	252.10	-0.40	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	120.90	128.70	-0.10	1.32
Japan	367.70	391.20	-2.50	
Japanese Specls	198.70	211.40	-2.50	.
Smaller Cos	143.50	158.00†	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Equity Growth	52.60	55.65	-0.21	[illegible]
UK Index Inc	337.90	353.50†	-0.10	[illegible]
[illegible]	106.70	114.70†	-3.30	[illegible]
-do- Accum	108.10	116.20†	-3.50	[illegible]
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	306.76	326.34†	+0.61	5
Inc & Growth Inc	69.08	74.13	-0.19	3.74
Smaller Cos	91.37	97.20†	+0.24	1.22
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	462.20	490.40	-1.20	2.20
UK Inc Gth #	474.60	501.90	-1.00	4.28
UK Income #	323.20	352.30†	-0.30	5.07
UK Smr Cos	313.70	335.50	-0.70	1.57
Euro Gwth	162.50	172.10†	-0.50	0.46
N Amer Gwth	121.90	128.90	+0.50	
Japan Growth	56.18	59.61	-0.62	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	587.20	587.30†	-1.40	[illegible]
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-2.00	[illegible]
Equity Income	106.00	106.00	+0.10	4.96
UK Tactical Allocatn	67.62	67.62	-0.03	4.10
European	144.20	144.20†	-0.60	0.91
Far Eastern	224.60	224.60		
Fixed Interest	56.27	56.27	[illegible]	7.33
Gilt	92.01	92.01†	+0.15	6.53
Global Growth	81.54	81.54†	-0.36	0.15
Intl Bond	51.24	51.24†	-2.17	5.19
Japanese	54.25	54.25†	-0.13	
North American	222.00	222.00	-0.10	0.57
Pacific Growth	130.90	130.90	+0.10	0.29
UK Index	77.31	77.31†	-0.18	3.23
UK Recovery	116.90	116.90†	-1.20	2.07
UK Smaller Cos	161.10	161.10	+0.20	1.32
US Index	85.36	85.36	+0.02	1.20
European Index	91.24	91.24†	-0.39	1.53
Japan Index	36.61	36.61	-0.27	
Worldwide	98.04	98.04†	-0.21	1.59

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inc Ptfo	179.40	185.00		2.51
-do- Accum	215.00	219.50	-0.10	2.51
UK Sel Ptfl	159.50	164.40	-0.10	2.54
-do- Accum	192.30	198.20	0.10	2.54
UK 100 Cos	117.00	117.00		2.84
-do- Accum	115.20	119.20		2.84
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	74.19	78.93	-0.03	3.58
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	63.63	68.83	-0.78	3.49
European	105.10	111.60	0.50	0.65
Income #	84.55	89.77†	-0.34	4.07
Nth American	99.61	105.70	+0.50	0.23
Far East	175.00	185.60	-0.40	0.08
Japan	57.63	61.18	-0.25	
Emrgng Mkts	80.77	85.85	-0.37	0.02
Intl Growth	126.30	134.70†	-0.30	0.28
UK Growth	123.80	131.40†	-0.10	2.60
UK Smlr Co	62.64	66.50†	-0.10	1.35
Asia Pacific	36.77	39.33		0.32
Glob Gwth PEP	61.24	65.00†	-0.05	1.33
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	100.70	107.20	+0.30	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	461.90	491.38	+0.33	4.62
Global Inc	75.43	80.21	-0.08	4.36
[illegible] Leaders	394.67	419.80	-0.71	3.62
[illegible] Leaders	235.45	250.48	-0.31	1.44
PAM Mg Bal Gth	71.79	74.59	-0.09	0.46
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	274.50	290.00†	+0.900	
-do- Accum	293.50	310.00†	+0.800	
American Opps	123.70	131.90†	+0.400	
-do- Accum	125.20	132.60†	+0.400	
British Blue Chip	96.98	102.80†	[illegible]	2.34
-do- Accum	125.70	133.40†	-0.50	2.34
Cash	100.50	100.50	+0.100	5.53
-do- Accum	149.10	149.10		5.53
Emerging Mkts	122.00	130.10		0.11
-do- Accum	122.50	131.70	-0.10	0.11
European Growth	326.40	345.60	-1.20	0.13
-do- Accum	355.90	376.90	-1.20	0.13
European Income	91.77	97.04	-0.25	2.96
-do- Accum	122.00	129.90	-0.30	2.96
General	619.50	659.70	-1.50	1.89
-do- Accum	1268.00	1349.00	-3.00	1.89
Global Bond	131.10	137.70	-0.70	5.32
-do- Accum	174.30	183.10	-0.70	5.32
Gold & General	213.30	227.90	+3.300	0.39
-do- Accum	220.70	235.90	+3.600	0.39
Govt Securities	96.22	99.37	+0.060	6.00
-do- Accum	201.90	208.10	+0.100	6.00
High Yield Bd	102.00	105.60	-0.30	7.03
-do- Accum	109.40	113.20	-0.10	7.03
Income	187.70	199.20†	-0.90	4.22
-do- Accum	313.50	332.80†	-1.40	4.22
Inc Portfolio #	112.57	119.10	-0.40	4.81
-do- Accum #	127.50	135.00	-0.50	4.81
Intl Opps	550.50	586.50	-0.80	0.15
-do- Accum	742.90	791.50	-1.00	0.15
Japan	158.50	168.70	-1.20	
-do- Accum	162.80	173.20	-1.30	

Tony Sutton presents a two-page special report on the regeneration of a once great city that is fighting to regain its former glory

Shipshape and back in fashion

Grants triggering more than £400 million worth of development in Bristol's city centre are expected to be announced today when Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, visits the area. English Partnerships, the Government's regeneration body, is to provide £35 million to fund the infrastructure for Bristol's key strategic sites — the former 66-acre Bristol Docks, now called Harbourside, and the 23-acre Temple Quay near Bristol's main railway station.

Schemes for these sites will transform the centre of Bristol.

At Harbourside, work on an £82 million science and leisure complex — featuring what is described as the UK's first electronic zoo — will start in the new year. Expectations are high that the £98 million Centre for the Performing Arts will succeed in its £75 million bid for funding from the National Arts Council. This will aim to be the premier arts facility for the West of England. The science and leisure elements, Wildscreen World and Science World, have just been granted £41 million of National Lottery money from the Millennium Commission.

The other site, Temple Quay, is planned to become Bristol's headquarter office sector, linking the railway station with Broadmead, the city's main shopping area.

These developments represent a turnaround in Bristol's fortunes. For years there have been schemes for the regeneration of the historic harbour area. Until now, all have foundered. It has taken a huge change in attitudes by the public and private sectors, an improving economy and public funding to get the city moving again. Both sectors now realise they need each other and have built close working relationships through partnership boards and companies.

Big companies such as Sun Life have relocated to north Bristol close to the M4-M5 corridor. John Lewis, Bristol's largest department store, is leaving Broadmead, the main shopping area, to set up in a 750,000 sq ft out-of-town regional shopping centre at Cribbs Causeway on the M5. This will be a mini-Meadowhall complete with leisure facilities and is expected to open in the spring of 1998.

Heseltine: announcement today

In recent years there has also been a rapid growth of business parks in north Bristol and they have begun to challenge the city for new development.

The Ministry of Defence opened its Procurement Executive office complex in north Bristol this summer. At 1.2 million sq ft, it was the biggest office scheme in Britain and it has had a big impact on the area, attracting defence-related companies and boosting the local housing market. The nearby Bradley Stoke housing estate is no longer "sadly broke" as a BBC documentary programme described it. House prices are increasing by about 1 per cent a month.

In the west, the opening last June of the £350 million Second Severn Crossing is having a profound effect on both sides of the river. On the Bristol side, a 2,000-acre tract of land is being developed by ICI and RTZ and marketed as Severnside. It is in this area that Bristol has scored one of its greatest successes, the privatisation of the present Bristol Docks at Portbury. The port now boasts that it is the UK's second-biggest car-handler and has gained more than £100 million investment since it passed into private hands.

Today's investment announcements in the city centre will do much to redress the imbalance that was developing between the two areas, city centre and out of town.

City council attempts to keep companies such as Bristol & West Building Society and BT in the centre appear to have succeeded. Bristol & West is now a racing certainty to move to Temple Quay, and there is a good possibility that it will be joined by BT. In total, they require about 400,000 sq ft — more than the average annual take-up of office space in the city.

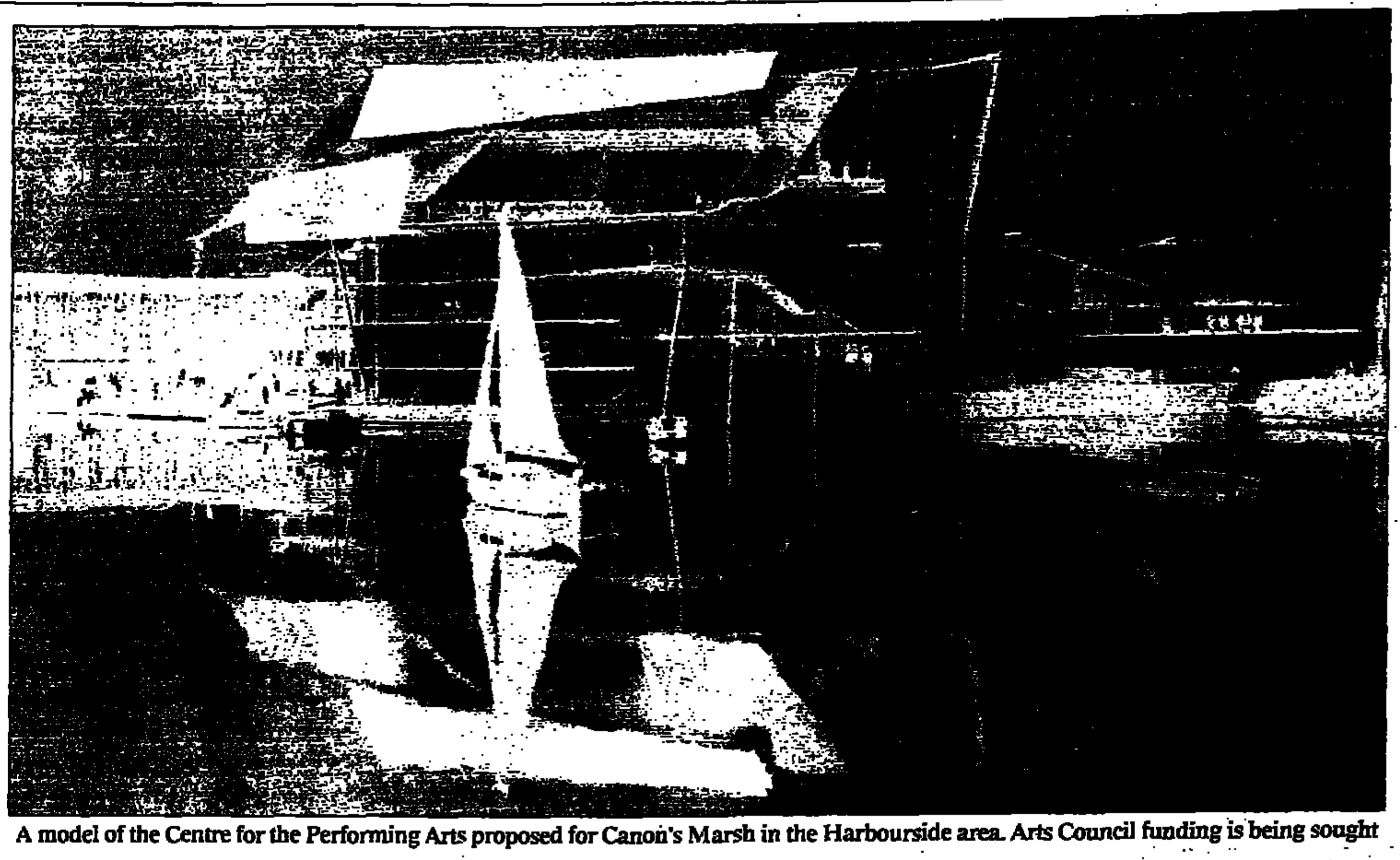
There is also progress in tackling traffic problems. Companies are being asked to submit plans for a rapid transit system that could cost up to £400 million.

The management of the town centre is being handled by the Broadmead Board, set up by the public and private sectors. John Lewis's Broadmead premises are being taken over by Bentalls, which will undertake a £10 million refurbishment programme before it opens in autumn 1998.

The initial success of the Broadmead Board has caught the interest of Newcastle, Coventry, and Swansea.

Paul Smith, the chairman of the council's city committee and joint chairman of the Broadmead Board, says: "Companies we thought were going to leave the city are now deciding to stay and that is obviously anchoring a large number of jobs within the city. I think we are beginning to win the battle against out-of-town development — residential, commercial and retail.

"For the first time in about 30 years, the population of the city has increased. And this has been mainly in the central area."



A model of the Centre for the Performing Arts proposed for Canon's Marsh in the Harbourside area. Arts Council funding is being sought

How they all pulled together

After years of decline, public and private sectors united

Bristol has become a "model city for regeneration", Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, announced when he opened the MoD's massive £254 million defence procurement headquarters in north Bristol earlier this year. It was music to the ears of many Labour councillors present, who could remember bitter battles with the Thatcher Government over the issue.

Mr Portillo acknowledged that there had been a remarkable change. One of the reasons Bristol failed to win any City Challenge money five years ago was because the Government could not believe the public and private sectors were really working together, he said.

That failed challenge had depressed many in both camps. They were seeing other cities such as Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Cardiff forge ahead. Bristol, with its long seafaring history and its status for much of the past millennium as the realm's second city, faced an uncertain future. Its position had sunk to eighth and its image tarnished as the Government set about imposing an urban development corporation on a most reluctant local authority.

The city council fought it all the way to the House of Lords but without success. But it meant that the corporation received little support for much of its existence.

"Bristol unfortunately had a reputation for being preoccupied with politics and it suffered," Nicholas Hood, chairman of Wessex Water, says. "The city and the area receded in the Seventies and Eighties. When I was a boy the tobacco industry employed 40,000 people in Bristol. Today I think it is just 300. The drinks industry and, of course defence, has also declined."

Portillo: remarkable change

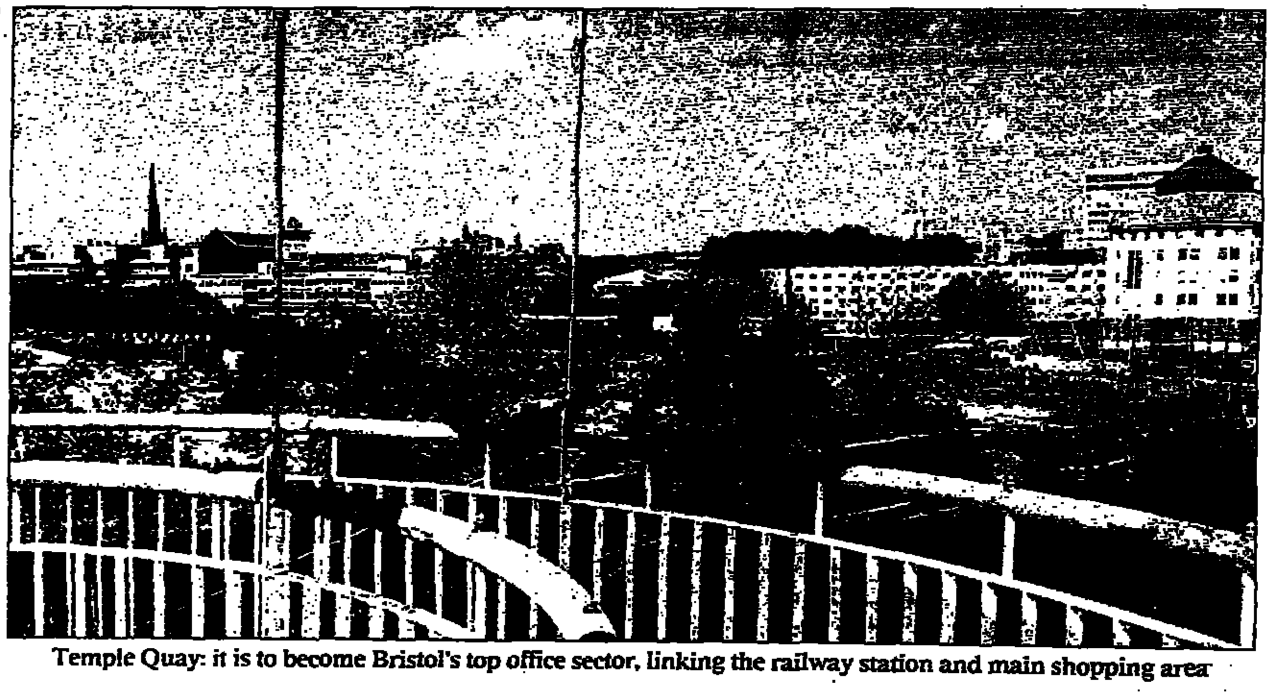
Louis Sherwood, chairman of HTV, recalls "about a dozen leading businessmen getting together in 1989 to create the Initiative. In a sense both public and private sectors came towards each other and there was a realisation that unless we all started working together and pulling in the same direction things were not going to happen in Bristol."

St John Hartnell, senior partner of commercial agent Hartnell Taylor Cook, says: "The Initiative was eventually about 70-strong and had every chairman of every mover and shaker in Bristol as a member."

It was merged with the Chamber of Commerce in 1993 to form a rather unique animal, the Chamber of Commerce and Initiative.

Ken Johnson, projects director of English Partnerships, says: "Bristol is going to have more to shout about than it has had for a long time. There is now a tremendous opportunity for the city to become very upbeat."

There are now 16 partnership schemes. Joint activities range from housing for the poor to developing £200 million projects such as Harbourside.



Temple Quay: it is to become Bristol's top office sector, linking the railway station and main shopping area

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Bristol has an important strategic role to play in the economic development and regeneration of the area around it. As a major manufacturing base, the city is of great importance in helping to attract new investment.

The Western Development Partnership (WDP) is carrying out work to help local businesses to thrive. The organisation was formed in 1993 by local public and private-sector partners in what used to be known as the county of Avon, which was replaced this year by four unitary authorities for Bristol, Bath, the Somerset resort of Weston-super-Mare and south Gloucestershire in the area where the M4 meets the M5. It promotes the sub-region as "Bristol, Bath, West of England".

It is backed by the area's local authorities, the business community and a range of other agencies committed to economic development. Operating as a limited company it plans to develop the area as one of the most prosperous and technically advanced in Europe, through a strategy of diversifying the economy.

Bristol is a thriving financial services, manufacturing and retail centre with excellent motorway, rail, air and shipping links. Like other areas in the region, however, it also has inner-city deprivation and pockets of high unemployment and long-term joblessness.

WDP is harnessing the skills of local authorities, the business community, training and employment agencies and academics to develop a blueprint for a strategy for regeneration.

Martin Willey, the chief executive, says: "The WDP has got all the organisations involved in economic development and regeneration to pull in one direction. As regards inward investment, we are beginning to secure a substantial increase in company relocation."

The organisation has progressively developed initiatives to target the development of industrial and business sectors that are strongly represented in the area. These are backed by seconded staff from local companies, including British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce, and by regular support from higher education, government agencies and organisations such as the Western Training and Enterprise Council (Westec), which provides WDP with substantial funding.

Initiatives include a West of England Aerospace Forum and other specialist industry-led groups for financial services, multimedia, direct marketing, medicine and health and printing and packaging.

Westec operates as a private company and plays a central role in attracting business, ensuring the local workforce has skills that employers want and helping the unemployed to find jobs.

It provides direct funding to a range of public and private-sector projects aimed at improving the local economy. Westec's work in economic development, business support services, education and training is delivered through its partners, including WDP, Business Link West, Learning Partnership West, Skills Link West and the Equality Foundation.

Martin Sandbrook, head of planning and community regeneration at Westec, says the area's economy is now supported by a powerful network of partnership organisations.

"Compared with five years ago, there has been a complete turnaround in terms of co-operation in the area. It has been a great achievement." He believes one of the notable advances has been in "people development" and points out that about 25 per cent of the area's employees now work for companies that have achieved or are working towards the Investors in People standard.

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About 6,000 people, either long-term unemployed or aged 16 to 24, are undergoing training. A further 900 people have benefited from Modern Apprenticeships since the scheme started in 1994.

The Western Development Partnership is one of five economic development agencies operating in Gloucestershire, Somerset, Dorset and Wiltshire. Its efforts are backed by the West of England Development Agency (WEDA), the Government-funded inward investment organisation for the region.

The idea is that the various county-based bodies and WEDA co-operate and "hunt as a pack" to establish a marketable identity for the region in order to attract inward investors.

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Voyage that will put Bristol back on map

Setting sail: the replica of John Cabot's *Matthew*

Twenty-seven million people watched the programme on BBC television and 17 million on ITV, so it must have been a World Cup final or a royal tell-it-all documentary. But no, the event that attracted so many viewers was the Festival of the Sea celebration in Bristol earlier this year.

No one was more surprised than the sponsors, who had thought up the event almost as a backdrop for the launch of a replica of John Cabot's ship, *Matthew*, which set out from Bristol in 1497. The "real" event is next year when the *Matthew*, after a royal send-off, retraces Cabot's epic voyage across the Atlantic in which the explorer landed in North America and called it "New Foundeland".

Matthew's promoters — Bristol's public and private sectors — hope not only that the voyage will help to put Bristol back on the world map but will also "destroy the Columbus myth". "Columbus never set foot on North America. Cabot was the real hero," says St John Hartnell, chairman of the Cabot committee that has realised this scheme, and senior partner of commercial property agents Hartnell, Taylor, Cook. The voyage is also a reminder of Bristol's illustrious past. For centuries it was the second city in the land and the kingdom's most important port.

The *Matthew* project was born at an important time — when the city seemed to be losing out to other places in importance and even its own inhabitants were losing faith. There were riots, and a growing exodus of companies from Bristol.

"The whole of Bristol is behind *Matthew*," says Mr Hartnell. "Everyone refers to it as our ship. Many people would argue that the ship itself has been the cause of the get-together in Bristol — the first outward sign that the city and private enterprise could really work together."

When *Matthew* sets sail on May 2, exactly 500 years after John Cabot, it may be accompanied by a flotilla of small and tall ships. Canada's new destroyer, *HMS St John*, will escort the ship across the Atlantic.

By the time the journey starts everyone should know about it. In Bristol there will be two balls, one at the start of the journey along the Avon and one at the end. Along the river there will be a mile-long, two-day fair culminating in a fireworks display at Portbury.

For those not able to witness this event in person there is to be television coverage. The BBC is to broadcast six half-hour, prime-time programmes during the ship's voyage across the Atlantic. There will be simultaneous broadcasts throughout the United States and Canada.

When *Matthew* arrives in North America, the festivities will restart. The ship will be greeted by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prime Minister of Canada, Jean Chrétien, and Brian Tobin, the Premier of Newfoundland.

Several events are planned as *Matthew* circumnavigates Newfoundland, travels up the St Lawrence river to Boston, Massachusetts, and then on to Newport, Rhode Island, and New York. Everyone should have heard of Bristol by journey's end. *Matthew's* promoters describe it as "one of the highest profile events of 1997".

The scheme, which has cost £1.75 million, has been underwritten by festival chairman Michael Slade, who runs property developers Helical Bar. He is not expected to be out of pocket.

TONY SUTTON

Cheers: Bristol entrepreneurs Michael Slade, left, and St John Hartnell drink a toast on Harbourside to the city's future

£215 million plan for city's new business heart

A site, unwanted for a decade, is to become the biggest area for renewal, says

Tony Sutton

When Michael Heseltine visits Temple Quay today he will come to applaud success. But 12 months ago the 23-acre site in Bristol city centre seemed almost impossible to develop. Many national developers had come and departed empty-handed.

Now Bristol & West Building Society should announce that it will be building the biggest headquarter offices the city centre has seen in recent times.

Assuming the best laid plans do not go awry, Bristol & West will be buying the 2.6-acre waterfront site opposite NatWest Life's headquarters and putting up 270,000 sq ft of buildings, to be built in phases. The first phase of 150,000 sq ft will start next year.

At the same time property developer Castlemore will be signing up to produce a speculative office scheme of nearly 45,000 sq ft and a mixed-use leisure/retail facility of 70,000 sq ft.

All these developments are in the core part of a 23-acre site stretching from Brunel's much-admired Temple Meads railway station to the Floating Harbour. This area is destined to become Bristol's new office quarter. There is planning consent for up to one million sq ft of offices, but the final density is likely to be less, perhaps 750,000 sq ft. It will be supported by shops, restaurants and other services.

Ken Johnson, projects director for English Partnerships, the Government's regeneration body, says: "What we are creating here is the best office site in Bristol." The agency is investing £15 million in the site with the creation of new roads, squares and public open spaces. Investment from the private sector is expected to be in excess of £200 million.

> ‘New road links to be built’

The city council is keen to have a large arena for staging events which would serve the region and be ideally located next to Bristol's main railway station. The agency is examining how it could be funded as it would require a public subsidy.

This is the first major site that English Partnerships has taken over from a development corporation and could be the model for other such transactions. In two years' time, when the London Docklands Development Corporation comes to the end of its life, English Partnerships will acquire the Royal Docks. And in the same year, in Plymouth, the development corporation's flagship site, Royal William Yard, is also likely to pass into the agency's hands. In effect the agency is taking over unfinished business of the corporations which in some cases will be rescue missions, ranging from half-completed schemes to projects which are still in the pipeline.

Ken Johnson: "It'll be the best office site in Bristol"

Despite six years of intensive marketing, the corporation had failed to secure any regeneration of its key site. In ten years the site has gone through three name changes — Temple Meads, Quay Point and now Temple Quay. So what English Partnerships has achieved in just under 12 months is remarkable. It has been helped by a dramatic change in the political climate, a rapidly improving economy — and by putting more public money into the site.

"The approach we are taking is very proactive," says Mr Johnson. "We are in direct control, using the appropriate development agencies such as Castlemore and Bristol & West to procure individual buildings. I think it looks as if this approach is going to pay dividends."

English Partnerships in Bristol has also forged a close working relationship with the city council. "Although the city is not a landowner at Temple Quay, we are working with them very closely in terms of developing the masterplan and going through the planning process. This means there is a general involvement in an important part of the city," Mr Johnson says.

> ‘Project to boost retail and leisure’

"It is a good relationship. It works well given the difficulties that existed between the city and the development corporation."

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Due to open in 1999, it will be one of the elements making up Wildscreen World and Science World at Harbourside, Bristol's historic harbour area. A year later, it is expected that they will be joined by a Centre for the Performing Arts (CPA) which will finally achieve Bristol's long-term dream of giving the region "a new focus for leisure, the arts and tourism".

Christopher Parsons, the man behind Wildscreen World, says that the mixing of elements — animals, models, graphics and audiovisual systems in an integrated way to tell a story has not been done before. There will also be a large format 3D cinema supported by six-track sound. The effect will be to transport the audience to the habitat on view. You could find yourself surrounded by sharks or perhaps lions.

Mr Parsons, who produced David Attenborough's *Life on Earth* series, says: "This is just one component of what you might call a year-round, all-weather visitor attraction about the natural world. It tries to provide something for all ages and levels of interest."

Nicholas Hood, chairman of the Bristol 2000 scheme, which covers these developments on Harbourside, thinks that the project will add £30 million a year to the local economy. This is the first major scheme outside London to be awarded money from the Millennium Commission. It gets £41 million towards the £82 million project and only £2 million of the balance is outstanding.

Louis Sherwood, chairman of HTV and the CPA project, is hoping for similar success with the Arts Council where a bid for £75 million for the performing arts centre has recently been submitted. He expects a reply by May.

The CPA will not only give Bristol the modern concert hall it so badly needs, but also a medium dance theatre — the first facility in Britain to meet the Arts Council specification. There will also be a residential development on the 66-acre Harbourside. Bristol city council and British Gas will shortly be marketing space for 250,000 sq ft of offices.

These commercial elements on Harbourside which were planned to help to fund the leisure and art centre components. But because the commercial programme has slipped behind the leisure schemes, English Partnerships has stepped in to provide £19 million to build the public squares, open spaces car park and roads.

Ken Johnson, projects director for English Partnerships, says: "We are acting as the front funder, taking a lot of the risk out of the complicated partnership scheme."

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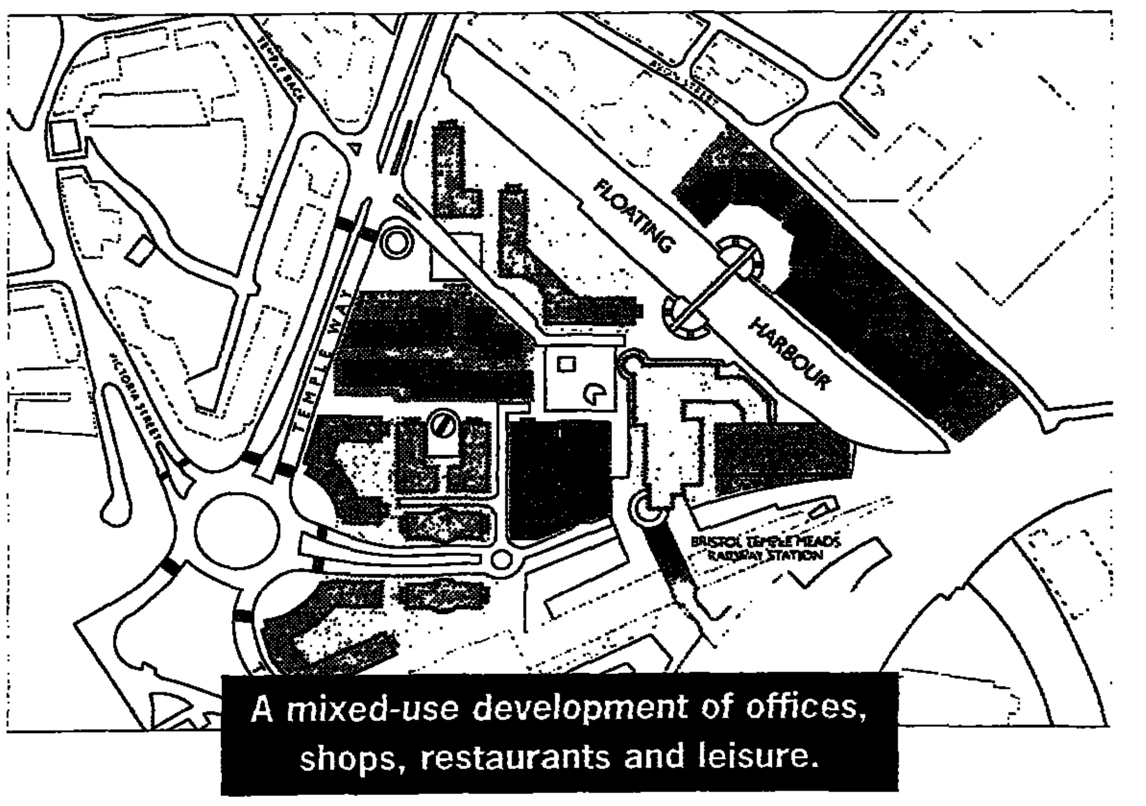

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What you should ask when your child is ready for A levels and, right, the students who won the best grades

How to choose the right sixth-form place

Anne Lee offers expert advice on making the all-important decision

MARK ELLIDGE

A student at a girls' school: would it be best for her to stay in a single-sex environment?

Some senior schools do not have a sixth form so choice is forced on its pupils, and some students want to take the opportunity to consider removing the straitjacket of the schooling they have so far received. The choice is between moving on to a specialist sixth-form college, or changing to an independent or state school.

The autumn term is the time when schools hold their sixth-form days. How do you cut through the persuasive presentations to assess the real value of what is offered? The first place to which many ambitious parents turn is the league table. Though actual results can be a guide to strength and weakness, league table positions may mask outstanding achievements in one school, and overstate success in another. Dig deeper. Assessing teaching quality at a school you know is easier than establishing the quality of teaching elsewhere. A series of excellent A-level results can conceal key weaknesses. I came into contact with one apparently outstanding school where many pupils studied economics and relatively few took maths. The pupils later told me that the mathematics teacher had halitosis.

SCHOOLS WEEK IN THE TIMES

The numbers of pupils opting to study a subject can be as significant as the grades achieved. You may not expect large numbers to study Latin in an academic school, but you would expect maths, English, European languages, history, geography and the sciences to have reasonably strong support.

Parents should look closely at the range of subjects offered, and match it to their child's strengths. Some 16-year-olds will thrive on a diet of media studies, history of art and photography, others will not be sufficiently challenged. They may need the more traditonal "hard" A-level subjects for possible entry to university courses.

If your child has learning difficulties, sympathetic teaching and a policy that allows extra time for internal and external examinations can be essential.

Boarding schools clearly have more time to offer extracurricular opportunities, but parents need again to look behind the rhetoric. How often do all the clubs and societies actually meet, how many members do they have? What happens at weekends; does the school empty because they are really weekly boarders, or are good staff also on duty then? When is the art room or the computer room open and supervised? Teenagers do not want to be organised all the time, but they should be encouraged to take opportunities, otherwise the wine bar or pub may become the only focal point.

Some sixth-form colleges offer specialist courses. Ben Elton claimed that his education was saved because his parents noticed his obsession with drama and sent him to a sixth-form college to study just that.

Sixth-form colleges can be a relief for some pupils because they offer the chance of a fresh start and to study subjects not offered within the normal curriculum. For some, however, they can be hell because they are often large and anonymous. A dislocated youngster can more easily get academically or socially lost in his type of environment than in a school where staff have known them since they were aged 11 or 13.

Ask about the list of courses and institutions to which past pupils have moved. Ask who gives careers advice and about their experience. Some schools are particularly good at this, and the old boys' or old girls' network can be very strong.

If you are eager for your child to attend a leading university, the statistics on entry tell us that you may be best advised to send them to a state school with a strong tradition of tutoring for interviews to Oxford and Cambridge.

You should certainly find out whether the school you choose can give good careers advice. Some pupils believe they have been marking time until they can go and work, so can the sixth form ensure that they have marketable skills, and perhaps raise their occupational horizons?

Disciplinary expectations in sixth forms vary enormously. Sixteen-year-olds need to learn to manage their own freedom — but with safety nets. A good sixth form will have a few rules and methods of monitoring behaviour, but those rules should be clearly communicated and enforced.

Sometimes, pupils at single-sex schools want to move to what they may describe as a "more normal" environment. Coeducation, if the hormones are raging, may be the better option for these teenagers.

The teaching in girls' schools tends to be much more prescribed and organised than in some coeducational or boys' schools. One girl described her move from a girls' grammar to an independent coeducational sixth-form as a real test of motivation, akin to going to university. She loved the increased social life, the better facilities and the boarding school ethos but horrified her parents when she casually said: "Of course, I will not get the A-level grades I would have got had I stayed at my old school."

So changing school or staying on is the dilemma. If you let your teenager do the analysis, then check together that all the important points have been covered; the sixth-form years can be an exhilarating but safe step towards adult independence.

● *The author, a former headmistress, is an education and business adviser and a governor of Queenswood School.*

A second place is still winning

David Charter reports on two colleges with remarkable records of success

The influence of the country's most consistently excellent sixth-form college pervaded the top of the examinations league this year despite its fall from first to second place.

Nearly 600 students gained an average of three Bs at A level at Hills Road Sixth Form College in Cambridge, its best performance since the national tables began in 1992. The 575 students averaged 23.9 A-level points each, up on last year's 21.9.

Hills Road was pipped to the summit of the college table by the 25.3 points averaged by 474 candidates at King Edward VI College in Stourbridge, West Midlands.

Philip Eyles, Principal at Stourbridge, admits that the "Hills Road factor" had a part to play in his own success story. He joined King Edward VI four years ago from his post as Vice-Principal at the Cambridge college. Both he and Colin Greenhalgh, Principal at Hills Road, concede that there is an element of selectivity by both colleges, which gives them an advantage over other colleges.

King Edward VI is oversubscribed by 30 per cent and Hills Road stipulates that students must have Bs at GCSE for the A levels they want to study and relevant Cs for advanced GNVQs.

Mr Eyles says: "The results are impressive because they are obtained by children in a metropolitan borough who generaly do not have the advantages of children in the shire counties. We are fed entirely by comprehensive schools and have been able to preserve a very positive work ethic.

"Some people would say that we are too exam-orientated, but there is a huge amount of activity going on — for example, there are three plays this term. It is simply a college where a lot is expected".

At Hills Road, Mr Greenhalgh says: "There is a strong achievement culture here. People say we have got a good intake and we do have a lot of very hard-working and committed students, but we have done a lot of work on added value. We add two full A-level grades per student on average. So someone who would have expected to get three Cs based on their GCSE results would get two Bs and a C here."

The 1,300-student college, founded in 1974, gives priority to youngsters from its immediate area. More than 90 per cent go on to university. However, students say Hills Road is about much more than academic success.

Abigail Clarke, 17, the secretary of the student council, says: "I think all the students are very aware of the Hills Road reputation but the pressure is not immense. There is very much a feeling that staff are on our side. They are all very approachable on any problems — whether they are college-related or otherwise."

Hills Road is in the middle of an ambitious building programme, financed by £1 million from its own reserves, £2 million from donors, including lottery money, and a matching grant of £3 million from the Further Education Funding Council. The first phase, a £2 million sports centre available to the community in the evenings, has just opened.

Both Hills Road and King Edward VI have large average class sizes. In Stourbridge, science classes can have 18 students and non-science 20. At Hills Road, the average is 17, but Mr Greenhalgh believes this has advantages.

"It is one reason we are regarded by the funding council and the Government as being very efficient as well as successful," he says. "When I was in the sixth form, you had five or six people in small groups and you might be amazingly unlucky and find nobody there would sparkle. It could be quite dull, whereas with 17, you are always going to find some bright sparks."

IAN McCARNEY

Students at Hills Road: there is a strong achievement culture

Revealed: secret wish of the century's greatest scientist

Einstein's theory of selling yourself

Albert Einstein wishes he had gone to college in Burnley, *David Charter writes*. The century's most celebrated scientist helps to promote the Lancashire college in advertisements showing a thought balloon that reveals his inner desire to study there.

Burnley's Einstein campaign, now in its third year, broke new ground in the way colleges used quirky advertising in an eye-catching way to win enrolments.

Tom Lemmon, its marketing manager, said: "For the first year we tried the campaign, colleagues inside the college were very unsure. But it seemed to get a big response outside because it was humorous. This year our research showed that the recognition factor was high, and the staff in the college are solidly behind it".

Burnley's lead was followed locally by other colleges using famous faces to sell themselves. Advertising agencies say that colleges are the fastest growth market in education as they vie for students against each other and ambitious school sixth forms. Colleges spend as much as £100,000 a year in the battle to attract students, but some of the more aggressive marketing has fallen foul of the Advertising Standards Authority.

In the summer, the Advertising Standards Authority ordered Clarendon College in Nottingham to stop saying it was "the best general further education college in England". A competitor, the Birmingham College of Food, Tourism and Creative Studies, claimed that it was the best college in the country. But Clarendon stubbornly refused to withdraw its promotional material. The dispute centred on grades awarded by funding council inspectors for various aspects of college provision, such as student guidance, governance and management, accommodation and staffing.

IF ONLY I'D STUDIED AT BURNLEY COLLEGE.

Burnley's advertisement

Birmingham was awarded nine grade 1s and four grade 2s, while Clarendon received 11 grade 1s, six 2s and two 3s. They both averaged 1.5 for curriculum subjects.

Eddie McIntyre, the Birmingham Principal, says: "The governors, students and staff of the college had worked very hard to achieve the inspection result that showed that we are clearly, by any measure, the best college in the country, and we did not want that hard work undermined by a usurper."

Clarendon argued that the claim was made in only one of its leaflets and insisted Birmingham was a specialist institution, and not therefore comparable with a general further education college.

The authority disagreed and ruled that Clarendon could no longer say "According to the FEFC, Clarendon College is the best general FE college in England". But it allowed Clarendon to continue claiming it was "number one for students", because it felt the statement would be viewed as the opinion of the colleges, and not of inspectors.

To some outside the bitterly competitive world of tertiary education, the dispute may seem an exercise in hair-splitting, but the colleges are clearly determined to fight their corners.

Earlier in the year, Warrington Collegiate Institute clashed with Wigan and Leigh College over local press advertisement which claimed: "Wigan and Leigh College definitely the right choice! Government inspectors make it official." It added: "The best college in the North West."

The authority upheld Warrington's complaint because readers might have thought the last statement was made by inspectors. It also pointed out that not all the colleges in the North West had been inspected at that time.

Burnley envisages no such rancour with its Einstein campaign. This year it dressed the scientist in a Star Trek shirt and put the image on buses and beer mats, captioned: "I could have been Captain Kirk if I'd gone to Burnley College." Enrolments went up by 11 per cent.

"There is beginning to be a big link between the image of Einstein and Burnley College," said Mr Lemmon. "We definitely have a higher profile because of it. It is also so silly that nobody in their right mind is going to complain. If it raises a smile, you are getting your message across without saying 'We are the best college in the world' or knocking the opposition."

The question is, why do you need to pay?

Lucy Hodges on a pace-setting college without fees

Why pay school fees when you can send your offspring to a sixth-form college which is good, and free? Significant numbers of parents in north London answer by sending their sons and daughters to Woodhouse College, in Finchley.

Parents are happy, and the students like it because they are treated more as adults, they have the chance to mix with the opposite sex and they get high-class chat in the canteen.

"I am really enjoying it," says Libby Sallnow, who is in the lower sixth and came from a comprehensive school in Southgate. "It is really academic and has the most amazing social life. I have met so many people like me, with really similar interests."

A former grammar school, Woodhouse College, with its beautiful 18th-century building, retains the ethos of an academic institution. The A-level results have improved since its grammar school days and this year the pass rate was 93 per cent.

How does the college manage to compete so effectively with the private sector? The answer is that it selects more than half its 800 students from a wide range of independent and state schools all over north London and turns away several hundred applicants each year. It also gets rid of a few students who are not making the grade at the end of the first year.

The Principal, Colin Wharton, says: "We have maintained the structure and discipline and academic success of an old grammar school. Students who come here want to do well. They aspire to go to university and 90 per cent do."

It is made clear to lower-sixth-formers that they must turn up by 8.45am and undertake supervised private study. That means they have to work during some of their free periods at the college and sign a register to prove they are doing so. "They get more work done that way," says Dr Wharton.

Parents are kept informed of their offspring's progress via parent evenings and reports. If a problem arises, the college does not hesitate to write home and involve mother and father.

'We have kept the structure and the academic success of an old grammar school'

One reason the college is so popular with students, according to Dr Wharton, is that it offers a broader curriculum than many conventional school sixth forms. Students can study the traditional academic subjects at A level, as well as psychology, design, business studies and accounts. They may also do a wide range of A/S levels, including philosophy, law, and information technology.

Vocational courses — the diploma of vocational education and GNVQs — are provided for 60 students who are not following the academic route and who come largely from the two feeder schools in the neighbourhood.

All students are carefully counselled, belonging to a tutor group led by a personal tutor who meets students daily and for an hour's tutorial once a week. The tutor's job is to get to know students well, give them general advice, help with individual problems and with their work.

Dr Wharton believes that this pastoral system is the key to the college's success.

His main regret is the college's physical condition. Funding arrangements mean that money is tight. The science laboratories need upgrading and the library and study facilities are cramped. The students need a common room and the art room is inadequate. But there are plans for money to be raised for major rebuilding.

The physical drawbacks do not seem to deter parents. Basil Samuels, a parent governor, whose daughter, Laura, was previously at City of London School for Girls in the Barbican, says he is delighted with it. "Students," he says, "are so enthusiastic, despite the laboratories and the classrooms and the library."

Not all students, however, are universally admiring. One former student now at university was critical of some of the teaching. She claimed that it was more old-fashioned than it needed to be.

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House of Lords

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Liability for deceit of wrongdoer

Smith New Court Securities Ltd v Scrimgeour Vickers (Asset Management) Ltd and Another

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Steyn

[Speeches November 21]

Where deceit was practised by an intentional wrongdoer he was liable for the actual damage which directly flowed from the fraudulent inducement without reference to the transaction date or any other date, and foreseeability of such damage was irrelevant.

Where the plaintiff was truly locked into the transaction and there was a sufficient causal link between the fraudulent inducement and the plaintiff's loss, he was to be compensated for all the actual loss suffered by him from the inducement, including all consequential losses, and such a loss *was to be measured* by comparing his position before the inducement with the position he was in because of his reliance on it.

The plaintiff had to give credit for any benefit he received, including the market value of the asset as at the date of acquisition. He was required to take reasonable steps to mitigate the loss on discovering the fraud.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Smith New Court Securities Ltd, and dismissing a cross-appeal by the second defendant, Citibank NA, from a decision dated February 17, 1994 of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Hoffmann) (*The Times* March 8, 1994; [1994] 1 WLR 1271).

That court had allowed an appeal by Citibank from an order of Mr Justice Chadwick (*The Times* April 7, 1992; [1992] BCLC 1104) and varied the order by, inter alia, substituting £1,196,010, for £10,764,005 awarded by the judge to Smith by way of damages.

On July 21, 1989 Mr Roberts, representative of Citibank, which was acting as broker for Scrimgeour Vickers, made fraudulent misrepresentations: first, that in buying shares in Ferranti International Signal plc, a public company, Smith would be competing with two other bidders: second, when invited to a meeting where Smith were aiming to make an offer, Mr Roberts wrongly stated that he would disclose the competing bids after Smith had made the bid and third, he mentioned that two other named companies had made bids.

Smith bought, for about £23 million, over 28 million shares in Ferranti for 82.25p each with a view to holding them as a market making risk and only selling them as and when an appropriate opportunity arose.

By September 1989 it became known that Mr Guerin had practised fraud on Ferranti. That caused a slump in the value of Ferranti's shares. Between November 20, 1989 and April 30, 1990 Smith sold the shares in small parcels for 49p to 30p per share. It only received nearly £11 million. Smith brought an action against Scrimgeour Vickers, to which Citibank was added as the second defendant, for damages.

The judge had found, dismissing the action against Scrimgeour Vickers that Smith was induced to enter into an agreement to buy the shares in Ferranti by false and fraudulent representations made by Citibank's representative, Christopher Nigel Roberts. He decided that Smith was entitled to recover damages of £10,754,005, together with interest, from Citibank. That sum represented the difference between the price paid by Smith and the true value of the shares.

Scrimgeour Vickers took no part in the appeals.

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC and Mr Anthony Mann, QC, for Citibank; Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC, Mr Ian Glick, QC and Mr John McCaughran for Smith.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON, agreeing with Lord Steyn, added that the law as laid down in cases decided at the end of the nineteenth century, usually in relation to shares purchased in reliance on a fraudulent prospectus, was that, where a fraudulent misrepresentation had induced the plaintiff to enter into a contract of purchase, the measure of damages was, in general, the difference between the contract price and the true open market value of the property purchased, valued as at the date of the contract of purchase: see *Twycross v Grant* ((1877) 2 CPD 469); *Waddell v Blockey* ((1877) 4 QBD 678); *Peek v Derry* ((1887) 37 ChD 541).

In *Clark v Urquhart*([1930] AC 28, 67-68) Lord Atkin cast doubt on whether the measure of damages laid down in those cases was correct. *Doyle v Olby (Ironmongers) Ltd* ([1969] 2 QB 158) restated the law correctly and rightly decided four points:

First, that the measure of damages where a contract had been induced by fraudulent misrepresentation was reparation for all the actual damage directly flowing from entering into the transaction.

Second, that in assessing such damages it was not an inflexible rule that the plaintiff must bring into account the value as at the transaction date of the asset acquired.

Third, damages for deceit were not limited to those which were reasonably foreseeable.

Fourth, the damages recoverable could include consequential loss suffered by reason of having acquired the asset.

In the light of the modern authorities the nineteenth-century cases could no longer be treated as laying down a strict and inflexible rule. In many cases, even in deceit, it would be appropriate to value the asset acquired as at the transaction date if that truly reflected the value of what the plaintiff had obtained.

In sum, the following principles applied in assessing the damages payable where the plaintiff had been induced by a fraudulent misrepresentation to buy property:

1 The defendant was bound to make reparation for all the damage directly flowing from the transaction;
2 Although such damage need not have been foreseeable, it must have been directly caused by the transaction;
3 In assessing such damage, the plaintiff was entitled to recover by way of damages the full price paid by him, but he must give credit for any benefits which he had received as a result of the transaction;
4 As a general rule, the benefits received *by him included the* market value of the property acquired as at the date of acquisition but such general rule was not to be inflexibly applied where to do so would prevent him obtaining full compensation for the wrong suffered;
5 Although the circumstances in which the general rule should not apply could not be comprehensively stated, it would normally not apply where either (a) the misrepresentation had continued to operate after the date of the acquisition of the assent or (b) the circumstances of the case were such that the plaintiff was, by *reason of the fraud, locked into the* property.
6 In addition, the plaintiff was entitled to recover consequential losses caused by the transaction; and
7 the plaintiff had to take all reasonable steps to mitigate his loss once he had discovered the fraud.

LORD MUSTILL, agreeing with Lord Steyn, added that notwithstanding the high authority of its source, the judgment of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in *Doyle v Olby (Ironmongers) Ltd* could not be regarded as an invariable guide to the assessment of damages for fraudulent misrepresentation. *The appeal there* was not fully argued by counsel. The judgments were not reserved and did not sit very easily together.

His Lordship suggested that in the future, when faced with situations such as the present, courts would do well to be guided by the seven propositions set out by Lord Browne-Wilkinson in the latter part of his speech. The fourth and fifth of those were amply sufficient to show that the damages awarded by the judge ought to be upheld.

LORD STEYN said that on the facts the second and third representations made by Mr Roberts were established but not the first. Therefore, the essentials of the tort of deceit were established.

The judge had found ample evidence for the conclusion that in the absence of those representations Smith would have withdrawn from the transaction and that by buying the shares on a market making basis Smith was locked into the transaction because of the fraud.

An intentional wrongdoer was not entitled to the benefit of the reasonable foreseeability test of remoteness. He was to be held liable in respect of the actual damage directly flowing from the fraudulent inducement: per Lord Atkin in *Clark v Urquhart*.

Doyle v Olby (Ironmongers) Ltd laid down the governing principles. In an action for deceit the plaintiff was not entitled to be compensated in accordance with the contractual measure of damage, *that is*, the benefit of the bargain measure.

He was to be put into the position he would have been in if no false representation had been made. The victim of fraud was entitled to compensation for all the actual loss directly flowing from the transaction induced by the wrongdoer. That included heads of consequential loss.

The legal measure was to compare the position of the plaintiff as it was before the fraudulent statement was made to him with his position as it became as a result of his reliance on the fraudulent statement.

Clearly, here, Smith was truly locked *into the transaction by* reason of fraud perpetrated on it. The causative influence of the fraud was not significantly attenuated or diluted by other causative factors acting simultaneously with or subsequent to the fraud. There was a sufficient causal link between the fraud and Smith's loss.

Smith's appeal on damages would be allowed and the judge's order restored.

Lord Keith and Lord Slynn agreed.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte; Ashurst Morris Crisp.

Court of Appeal

Liability for structural works causing damage

Louis v Sadiq

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Aldous

[Judgment November 12]

A building owner who undertook structural building works affecting a party wall without complying with the London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939, and thereby caused damage to adjoining property, was liable to the owners of the adjoining property for damages for nuisance, including special damages incurred through loss of sale of the property.

The fact that the building owner subsequently complied with the Act did not exonerate him from or reduce his liability for a preexisting nuisance which continued thereafter, unless and until the works which created the nuisance were subsequently authorised by agreement or by surveyors under the statutory procedures.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Mohammed Sadiq, against the order of Judge Platt, at Shoreditch County Court on May 16, 1995, whereby he awarded the plaintiffs, Paul and Paula Louis, damages in respect of the defendant's nuisance, including £22,762 mortgage interest payable between November 1, 1988 and March 31, 1993 on the loss of sale of their property, 79,000 French francs increased costs of building a property in Guadaloupe for the same period, £12,500 general damages and £1,500 damages for distress and inconvenience in respect of a separate item.

Mrs Ann McAllister for the defendant; Mr David Gerrey for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that the appeal raised issues concerning the rights and duties of neighbours whose properties were divided by a party wall. Being in London, the properties were regulated by the London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939.

Facts

The defendant owned 50 Jenner Road, Stoke Newington, London, an end of terrace house. His neighbours at number 52 were the plaintiffs.

Early in the summer of 1988, the defendant told Mrs Louis that he wanted to build a small further extension to the rear of his property. Mrs Louis said she had no objection and heard no more about it.

In August 1988 the defendant began demolition and reconstruction works involving the whole of his house, including demolition of the rear and front wall, which interfered with the party wall. Damage was caused to number 52, including cracks in its front wall.

The plaintiffs issued a writ and *obtained an injunction restraining* the defendant from carrying out any works of demolition or reconstruction until he had complied with the 1939 Act.

The defendant had not given the notice required by the Act nor attempted to comply with its provisions. The statutory notice was given in December 1988 and the umpire's award was made on July 30, 1991.

Meanwhile, number 50 remained open to the elements with no front wall and a partly built flank and rear walls which managed to support the roof. The injunction was lifted in December 1991. The defendant repaired the damage caused to number 52 at his own expense, and his property was completed by October 1992.

The plaintiffs had put the property on the market for sale in June 1988 and accepted an offer in August, but the valuers reported that solicitors should confirm that party wall notices were properly served and agreement obtained for approved plans.

Subsequently, the purchaser withdrew and the property remained unsold. It was doubtful whether it was saleable at any price until the repairs to it and the rebuilding of number 50 were completed in 1992.

The plaintiffs planned to move to Guadeloupe and on July 22, 1988 they purchased a building plot there. They re-mortgaged number 52, borrowing £65,000 in April 1988. The building costs in Guadeloupe were estimated in May 1988 as 680,428 FF, but by February 1995 those had risen to 985,500 FF.

The plaintiffs claimed special damages in respect of mortgage interest *payable* from the *date* when number 52 would have been sold, up to the date of trial. They also claimed special damages for the extra costs of building in Guadeloupe, and general damages for nuisance.

The defendant appealed against the awards of special damages.

Liability

The judge had held that the defendant's conduct between July and October 1988 amounted to a nuisance. He found that the defendant's activities had encroached upon the plaintiffs' property and had caused physical damage to it. That could constitute a private nuisance in law for which damages were recoverable.

The defendant would not have been liable in nuisance if he had given notice, or obtained consent in accordance with the 1939 Act and then done no more than was agreed or was approved by the surveyors: see *Major v Park Lane Co* ((1866) 2 Eq 453), *Standard Bank of British South America v Stokes* ((1878) 9 ChD 68) and *Selby v Whitbread & Co* ([1917] 1 KB 736).

But then, no damage would have been caused to the plaintiffs' house, save in the party wall itself, and in that respect no liability would have arisen.

The issue whether the *defendant's liability at common law* was either excluded or reduced by the provisions of the Act which he invoked, eventually, after the nuisance had arisen.

There was nothing in the Act which could be said to have that effect. The adjoining owner's common law rights were supplanted when the statute was invoked, which could have the effect of *safeguarding* the building owner from the common law liabilities when he complied with the statutory procedures, just as he might incur liabilities under the Act which did not exist at common law: see *Standard Bank of British South America v Stokes*.

But if he committed an actionable nuisance without giving notice and without obtaining consent, he could not rely upon a statutory defence under procedures which he failed to comply with.

If he did then give notice, he would in due course acquire statutory authority for whatever works were approved or agreed, but that *did not* relieve him from liability for the continuing nuisance which he had unlawfully committed, until such time as and to the extent that such authority was obtained. That conclusion was supported by *Adams v Marylebone Borough Council* ([1907] 2 KB 822).

In the present case, distinguishing it from *Adam's* case, it could not be said that the works which created the nuisance were subsequently authorised, whether by agreement or by surveyors under the statutory procedures.

Without such justification, the defendant had no defence to the claim for damages for the nuisance which he created in 1988 and which continued, on the judge's findings, until the works were complete. *Upjohn v Seymour Estates Ltd* ((1938) 54 TLR 465) was directly in point.

Causation

The judge found, and was entitled to hold, that the sale negotiated with a prospective purchaser would have been concluded, even if the works were in progress, provided they were carried out lawfully under the Act. Undoubtedly it was the unauthorised and unlawful works which were the effective cause of the plaintiffs' failure to sell their house in 1988.

Remoteness

It was sufficient that the defendant could reasonably foresee that the plaintiffs might be unable to sell their house because of the unlawful works which he carried out, at *least* until statutory authority was obtained and the works so authorised were complete, and that they might suffer financial loss in the form of a continued liability to pay mortgage interest on a loan or loans which would otherwise be repaid.

Moreover, the plaintiffs might have intended to build a new property, in this country or elsewhere, and increased building costs might have been the consequence of delay.

Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Aldous agreed.

Solicitors: Dowse & Co, Hackney; Lawrence Brass Conway Ingram, Edmonton.

Exceptional order for costs against non-party

H. Leverton Ltd v Crawford Offshore (Exploration) Services Ltd (in liquidation)

Before Mr Justice Garland

[Judgment October 11]

Although exceptional, it was appropriate to order costs against a non-party where the non-party was a director who had the management of an action for an insolvent litigant, where the director financed the proceedings to a substantial extent and improperly caused the company to defend the claim and to prosecute a concocted counterclaim.

Mr Justice Garland so held in the Queen's Bench Division at the Central Criminal Court, ordering Christopher Richard Crawford of 22 Gypsy Lane, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, to pay a proportion of the costs incurred on an indemnity basis, by the plaintiffs, H. Leverton Ltd, in their action against the defendant company, Crawford Offshore (Exploration) Services Ltd, now in liquidation.

On July 30, Mr Justice Garland gave judgment for the plaintiffs against the company in the sum of £144,085 and ruled that the identity of the defendant company's solicitors be not disclosed.

Mr Stephen Rubin for the plaintiffs; Mr Alan Green for Mr Crawford.

MR JUSTICE GARLAND said that following the judgment in the main action the plaintiffs sought orders for costs against Mr Crawford personally, although they did not put him on notice, and against the defendant's solicitors, who were put on notice, under section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, as substituted by section 4(1) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.

His Lordship had made an order for the plaintiffs' costs of the claim and counterclaim against the defendant company on an indemnity basis. That order would be worthless as the company was in liquidation.

The defendant company's solicitors, without any admission of liability had agreed to pay a substantial but confidential sum to the plaintiffs, but that sum, together with £35,000 deposited by Mr Crawford by way of security for costs, still left a shortfall of £105,000.

Mr Crawford was not a party to original action. However, he was the defendant company for all practical purposes. He was the sole decision-maker and kept the only records of the company produced on discovery and he gave evidence and was present throughout the hearing. Mr Crawford's connection with the proceedings was so close that it was inconceivable that he would suffer any injustice.

The discretion given by section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, as substituted, was a general one, albeit exercised according to established principles, not subject to any Rules of the Supreme Court.

The principles were set out by Lord Justice Balcombe in *Symphony Group plc v Hodgson* (*The Times* May 4, 1993; [1994] QB 179, 192H-194D) as follows:

1 An order against a non-party was exceptional and should be approached with caution.
2 It would be even more exceptional where the applicant for costs had a cause of action against the non-party and could have joined him in the action.
3 Even if the applicant had good reason for not joining the non-party, he should be warned at the earliest opportunity of the intention to seek an order so as to give him the opportunity of applying to be joined as a party.

His Lordship said that 4 and 5 were irrelevant and 7 did not apply.

6 Findings of fact in the action were prima facie admissible against a non-party and might only be *adopted against him if his connection* with the original proceedings was so close that he would not suffer any injustice by allowing that exception to the general rule of admissibility.
8 The fact that an employee or an officer of a company gave evidence did not normally mean that the company was taking part in the action.
9 A judge should be alert to the possibility that an application against a non-party was motivated by resentment of an inability to recover costs against a legally aided litigant; perhaps one should also add an insolvent litigant.

Mr Rubin invited his Lordship to exercise his discretion in favour of the plaintiffs on the ground that Mr Crawford, apart from being intimately involved in the litigation from the start, had acted in bad faith by concocting false claims supported by forged documents, making inadequate discovery which included the destruction or suppression of documents, and giving untrue evidence.

He submitted that it was bad faith which brought the case within the exceptional category and relied on Lord Justice Balcombe's summary on that point (at pp191F-192B) of decisions following *Aiden Shipping Co Ltd v Interbulk Ltd* ([1986] AC 965).

Mr Green relied on *Shah v Karanjia* ([1993] 4 All ER 792) as illustrating the exceptional nature of the remedy. In addition, he submitted that the plaintiffs had clear causes of action against Mr Crawford who, therefore, should have been joined as a party.

But his Lordship saw no obvious grounds for joining Mr Crawford personally as a party.

His Lordship was left in no doubt that this was an exceptional case where he should exercise his discretion under section 51 to order a non-party to pay costs.

Both criteria set out in *Symphony Group* (at pp191F-192B), were fulfilled: Mr Crawford had the management of the action for an insolvent company and improperly caused it both to defend the missing parts claim and to prosecute a concocted counterclaim. Further, he financed the proceedings to a substantial extent.

Taking into account Mr Crawford's precarious financial position, his undoubted ill-health, the fact that the plaintiffs had made a substantial recovery against the defendant's solicitors and the sum deposited as security, he should pay one-third of the balance of the costs remaining taxed on an indemnity basis.

Judge in charge of court proceedings

McDonald's Corporation and Another v Steel and Another

An appeal against the decision of a trial judge setting a date for closing submissions would not be allowed unless he had exercised his discretion so as to result in a denial of justice. In considering whether justice had been denied the court should bear in mind that the judge retained full power to control the action and deal with injustice should it arise.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Pill) so held on October 17 when dismissing an application for leave to appeal by the defendants, Helen Marie Steel and David Morris, from a decision of Mr Justice Bell on October 7, 1996 in the course of the libel action brought against them by McDonald's Corporation and McDonald's Restaurants Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said the judge had ordered the defendants, who were appearing in person in the action, to begin their closing submissions on October 21. The defendants argued that to do so would create injustice because they were not ready, relying on *Maxwell v Keun* ([1928] 1 KB 645).

If it became clear to the judge in the course of their submissions that some special difficulty had arisen for the defendants he still had the power to take appropriate steps.

Jurisdiction decision not apt on technical breach of code

Ex parte Stewart-Brady

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Potter

[Judgment November 18]

Even if an adjudication of the Press Complaints Commission could be challenged by way of judicial review, such a course was not appropriate where the decision concerned merely technical breaches of its *Code of Practice* (1993).

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an application by Ian Stewart-Brady, a convicted murderer and patient at Ashworth Special Hospital, by his next friend, Graham Kerr, for leave to apply for judicial review of the decision of the PCC on September 27, 1995 that the publication of a photograph of him in the special hospital taken by long-lens camera did not warrant censure under the code.

Clause 4 of the *Code of Practice* provides: "Intrusions and inquiries into an individual's private life ... including the use of long-lens photography to take pictures of people on private property without their consent are not generally acceptable and publication can only be justified when in the public interest .... Private property is defined as ... those parts of a hospital ... where patients are treated or accommodated."

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard Clayton for the applicant; Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Michael Fordham for the PCC.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the application had arisen out of an article in *The Sun* to the effect that the applicant was being treated in a wholly inappropriate way given the serious nature of his convictions.

The applicant accepted that he could not complain about the article but he did complain about the fact that it contained a substantial, albeit indistinct, photograph of *him standing by a window in the special hospital*.

It was at least arguable that the PCC was a body which was subject to judicial review. That point should not be determined on an application for leave.

The question was whether the applicant had an arguable case that publication of the photo was a contravention of the code, in particular clause 4 on privacy.

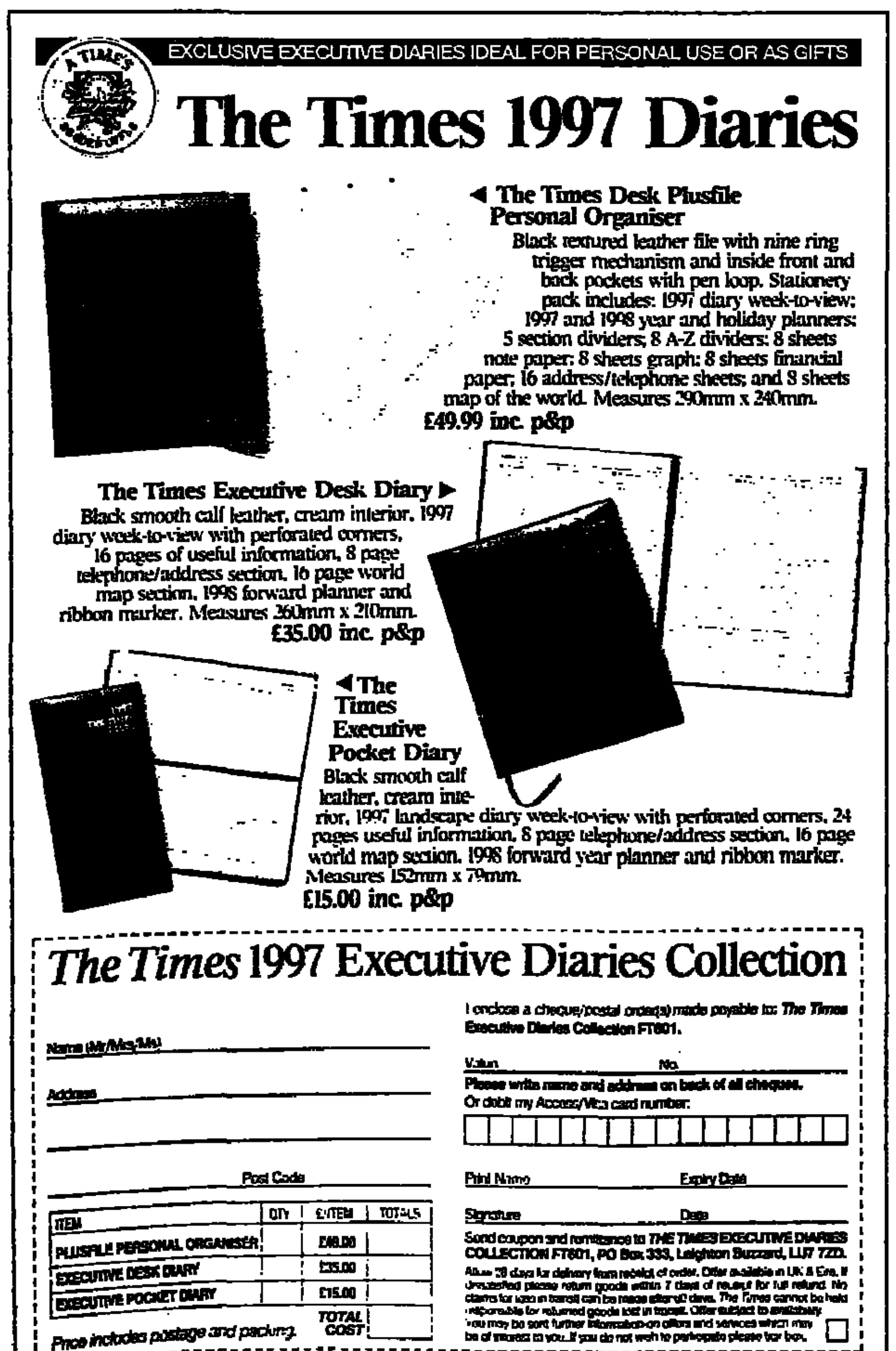
It was important to remember the background to the case. The article had been justified because *there was a public interest in how* people who had committed such crimes were being treated. The question was whether an indistinct photo alongside the article changed that position.

In his Lordship's judgment, the commission had been entitled to come to the conclusion that if there had been any breach of the code it did not warrant censure. If there had been a breach, it was certainly not a serious breach or one which would have affected the applicant any more than if the newspaper had used a photograph from its library.

If the court did have jurisdiction over the commission, it was important that that jurisdiction should be reserved for clear rather than merely technical breaches of the code. Accordingly, the application would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Millett gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Potter agreed.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co, Southwark; Sheridans.



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Risk of injury to constable at match too remote

Gillon v Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police and Another

Before Lord Johnston

[Judgment October 9]

There was a foreseeable risk that a police constable watching the spectators at a football match would be injured by a player who was impelled off the pitch in the course of the game, but the risk was so small that a reasonable man would not guard against it. In any event, it would be unreasonable to require the proprietors of the football ground to erect a barrier between the players and the pitch-side track.

Lord Johnston, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, absolving the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police and the Airdrieonians' Football Club of liability to make reparation to Mrs Rachel Anne Gillon.

Mr David Burns for the pursuer; Mr Michael Jones, QC and Mr Graeme Primrose for the chief constable; Mr Derek Emslie, QC and Mr Andrew Young for the football club.

LORD JOHNSTON said that the pursuer, in the course of her duties as a police sergeant, had been engaged in crowd control duties at a football match when she had suffered certain injuries, for which damages had been agreed at £215,000.

The event had been recorded on video and accordingly there was little dispute as to the precise circumstances. The enclosure had been separated from the pitch by a track approximately eight feet wide and a strip of turf to the byline approximately 30in wide.

The pursuer had charge of 10 officers spaced around the track. She had patrolled the whole area.

Immediately before the incident, some trouble had occurred in a section of crowd, and the pursuer had sent two officers into the crowd to deal with it. While she was standing with her back to the pitch, watching that event unfold, a Celtic player, in endeavouring to control the ball, had departed from the pitch at a fast rate of speed, and had cannoned into the back of the pursuer with such force that she was propelled from her standing position at the pitch-side edge of the track right across it, and into the barrier at the bottom of the enclosure.

The relevant general standing orders of the constabulary provided that one of the pursuer's duties had been not to be a spectator at the match, but to police the crowd. It was clear that neither the police nor the club had ever even addressed the question of whether there was any risk to stewards or police patrolling the track of collisions with players.

There had been evidence from witnesses with considerable experience of football that no such incidents could be recalled, apart from unspecific, hearsay evidence of an injury to a steward at Sunderland some 17 years ago, which his Lordship had discounted.

The pursuer's case was that the chief constable should have qualified the standing orders with a general warning to keep an eye on the pitch in the interests of their own safety, and that the club should have erected a barrier between the pitch and the track.

In addressing the nature and quantification of the risk of such an accident to the pursuer, his Lordship had concluded that it had been foreseeable, but sufficiently small as not to warrant any precautions from a reasonable man addressing it.

He did so having regard to the absence of previous incidents and the extraordinary concatenation of circumstances that led to this most unfortunate incident: namely, the facts that the pursuer was looking at the crowd because of an incident taking place involving her men; that the player came off the pitch at such speed out of control; and that he did so with sufficient force actually to cause injury.

Even if the risk was generally identifiable, so that the precise mechanisms need not be foreseen, there had been evidence of a lack of any previous such incident across the whole spectrum of football.

The literally *thousands* of hours police officers had to spend in positions similar to the pursuer rendered the risk so minimal that it could be ignored: see *Bolton v Stone* ([1951] AC 850, 869) per Lord Radcliffe.

His Lordship was equally of the view with regard to the first defender that a warning or instruction to officers to keep an eye on the pitch would not have made the slightest difference to the actual event.

That was both because of its mechanics, since it seemed highly unlikely that even if the pursuer had observed the player coming towards her she would have been able to get out of the way, but even more importantly because she would have been bound in terms of her duties to have been looking at the crowd at *the time* because of what was going on.

With regard to the second defenders, the absence of any evidence that barriers were in use in similar circumstances; the risk of injury to the players that a barrier would present; the obstruction of spectators' vision, and the possible consequences for crowd behaviour; and the necessary presence of gaps in any barrier in order to ensure crowd safety, all pointed to the suggestion of a barrier being a precondition that it was not reasonable to demand.

If the issue of apportionment had arisen, his Lordship would have divided the liability equally between the two *defenders*, a judgment he feared was somewhat arbitrary, but nevertheless exhibited at least a degree of logic.

On the whole matter, the pursuer's case failed against both defenders: a conclusion that his Lordship reached considerable regret, since he had no doubt that she had sustained a genuine injury while carrying out conscientiously her duties in accordance with her instructions, but the accident, unfortunate and tragic as it had been, had to be regarded as such and no more.

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Queen removes Princess's name from prayers

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE QUEEN yesterday issued a royal warrant in which she removed the name of Diana, Princess of Wales from the prayers for the Royal Family used in Church of England services.

The Queen, Supreme Governor of the Church, has decreed that the words "Charles Prince of Wales" will replace the words "the Prince and Princess of Wales".

This returns the form of the church's official state prayers, set out in the *1980 Alternative Service Book*, to what it was before the 1981 royal marriage.

The Princess's name has already been removed from prayers said in the House of Commons. In synagogues, where prayers are said each Saturday for the Royal Family after the reading of the *Torah*, mention of the Princess was excised shortly after her divorce became final in August this year. Methodists and some Roman Catholics pray for the Queen and the Royal Family, but have never referred specifically to the Princess so the difficulty has not arisen.

The warrant has been issued at a time when many churchgoers believe that the Princess, and the Duchess of York, need the prayers of the nation more than ever.

The Right Rev Gordon Bates, Bishop of Whitby, said: "When you get a breakdown of a marriage, there is no such thing as an innocent party. We actually need to pray for both sides of the family. However, although they still need our prayers, they do not need to be referred to by name. They are still part of the family. In fact, these prayers are very, very rarely used in most churches these days."

However, the Rev Stephen Trott, a member of the General Synod, said: "This is an automatic thing and there is no slight intended. It is just a routine tidying up. I don't think many of the clergy pray for the Princess of Wales anyway. And I don't think she is a regular churchgoer anyway, so she is not going to notice it very much."

According to a statement from Lambeth Palace, her name has been removed from the state prayers "as a necessary matter of form now that the marriage has ended."

The statement continued: "The Archbishops of Canterbury and York wish to stress that, although the Princess will no longer be singled out for special mention by name, she is of course included in the phrase 'and all the Royal Family', for whom prayers are provided in the church services. Clergy and other ministers, and their congregations, also remain free to single out any member of the Royal Family in their general intercessions."

Tory MP Sir Teddy Taylor last night described the decision as "cold and cruel". He said: "One of the sad features of public life is that the Princess of Wales, who makes an enormous contribution to so many worthwhile causes, gets so little sympathy in return."

Dame Jill Knight, Conservative MP for Edgbaston, commented: "I feel strongly that she needs praying for very badly indeed."

New Bible comes with money-back guarantee

A BIBLE whose watchword is political correctness, where Jesus tells his disciples to become "fishers of men and women" rather than just men, has been published with a money-back guarantee for those who do not like the language.

The Bible, which retains the male gender for God, Jesus and demons but changes other terms such as "craftsmen" to "skilled workers", has been revised to ensure that women readers do not feel excluded by its language.

Instead of "man does not live by bread alone", Jesus says: "People do not live on bread alone. "Workmen" have become "workers" and words such as "maid" or "girl" have been changed.

However, the New International Version Bible, published by Hodder & Stoughton, is expected to be well-received, having been given the endorsement of two leading evangelicals in the Church of England.

Elaine Storkey, an adviser to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, said: "This Bible faithfully presents to us the biblical texts, and makes it wonderfully accessible to a wider than ever readership in our changing society."

Dr John Stott, rector emeritus of All Soul's church, London, a leading evangelical church, said: "The revisers have done their work with skill and sensitivity and without in the process developing a clumsy, ponderous or repetitive style."

Those who disagree, however, can get their money back by returning the Bible with a receipt to the place of purchase.

Businessman accused of plot to kill Harvey Smith

By a Staff Reporter

A RACING tipster who had a business feud with Harvey Smith, the former Olympic showjumper, planned to kill him with a crossbow, a court was told yesterday.

Magistrates at Keighley, west Yorkshire, were told that the threat by Peter Snowden, 50, came to light after he had complained to a fellow businessman of his difficult relationship with Mr Smith.

Heidi Standfast, for the prosecution, said that Mr Snowden, of Ingrow, near Keighley, had disclosed his desire to kill Mr Smith during a meeting with a man called Kevin MacDonald.

It was alleged that Mr MacDonald had been approached by Mr Snowden, using an alias, to ask whether he wanted to buy shares in two racehorses. During the conversation, Mr Snowden mentioned the crossbow and boasted of having been a crack shot when he was in the Army.

He is alleged to have told Mr MacDonald that he had been watching Mr Smith, who farms and trains horses on the moors above Bingley, in his day-to-day dealings. The jury was told that he said: "I would like to take Harvey Smith out. Just imagine, the man is driving down, the next thing he is dead."

Police arrested Mr Snowden in August after he was released from a six-month sentence for making malicious calls to a former business partner. He is charged with making threats to kill Mr Smith and with obtaining property by deception. Steven Couch, for Mr Snowden, said his client had made his money from a racing telephone service and that his business would suffer if he were not granted bail.

He said that a High Court action against Mr Smith was imminent and that it would suit the former showjumping champion "down to the ground" if his client was returned to custody.

Mr Snowden, who did not enter a plea to the charges, was granted bail on condition that he does not contact Mr Smith or his wife and does not go within a mile of their home.

CHRIS CRERAR NEWSFLASH

Marion Leithead with some of her sheep, which she looks on as her babies: "I am very protective of them, which I can't imagine a man being"

One woman and her sheep round up top title

By Michael Hornsby

A WOMAN has beaten 100 male competitors to win a coveted shepherd of the year award. Marion Leithead, 50, was out as usual yesterday tending her flock of 50 Jacob sheep at Carvin, in the Borders region, despite hailstorms and a biting cold wind. Last week she was proclaimed the 1996 Borders Shepherd of the Year, a male preserve for more than 20 years.

Mrs Leithead, who combines shepherding with being managing director of a building contractors, said: "My husband Frank and I never had children, so I look upon my sheep as my babies. I am very protective of them, which I can't imagine a man being. I'm not saying women make better shepherds but perhaps they are more motherly towards their flock."

There is nothing more satisfying, she says, than seeing her sheep rushing to meet her as she delivers their feed before dawn on a freezing winter's morning. "It's not an easy life but I wouldn't swap it for the world. I start each day just after 5am, when I go out on my four-wheeled farm bike and check on them. I try to be at the office by 7am and spend a couple of hours there before coming back to check on the sheep again. Then I go back to the office, spend my lunchtime at home checking on the sheep, go back to the office again after lunch, and, of course, check on the sheep again both before and after Frank and I have our tea." Mrs Leithead said that she never failed to be moved by the sight of a ewe with its new lamb.

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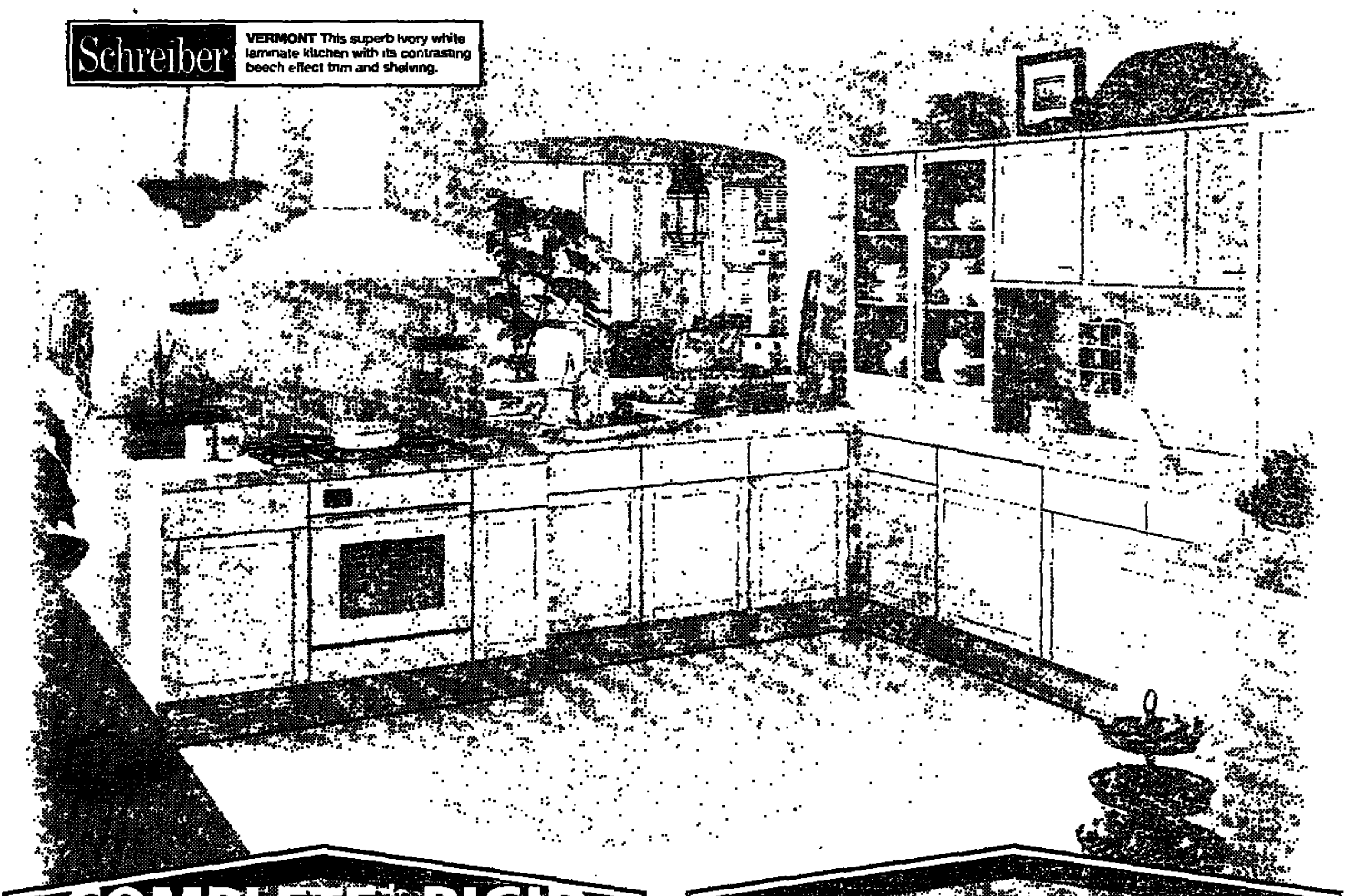

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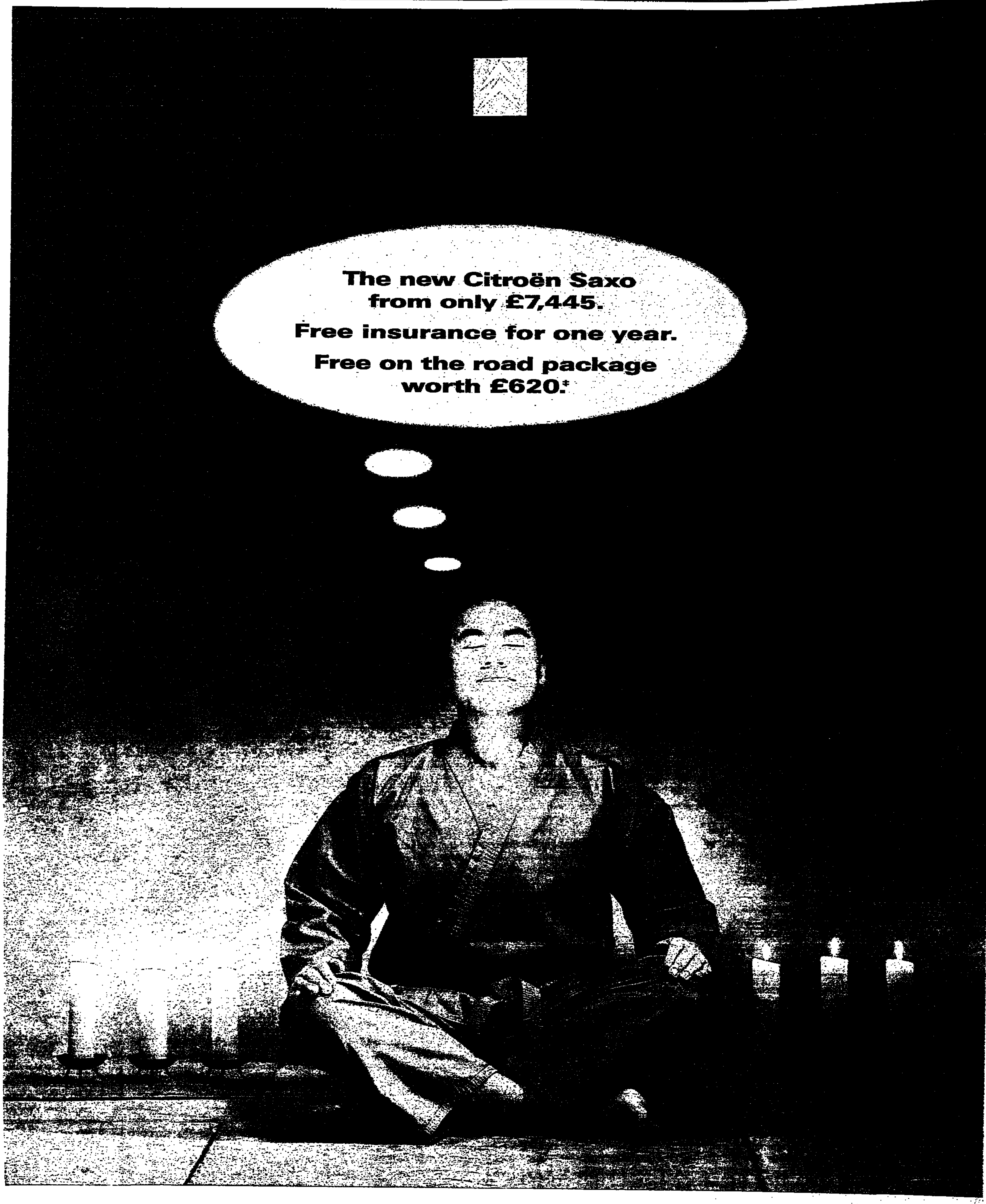
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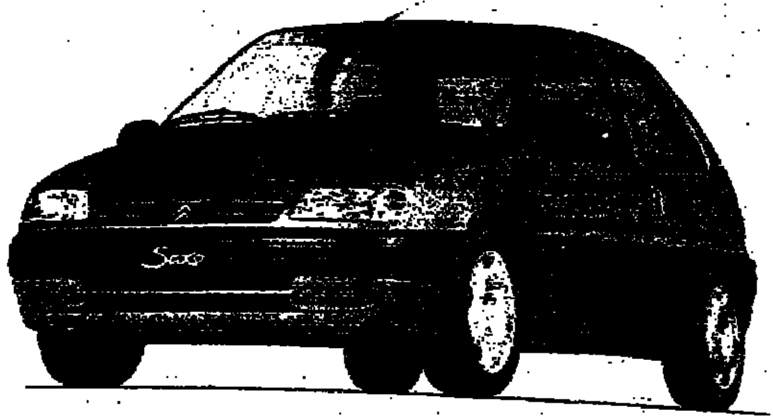

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

P . . p . . pick up a press pack

THREE hacks from *Sunday Business* spent an overnight in Marylebone police station, after they were caught marauding through London Zoo in the middle of the night.

Anil Bhoyrul, acting editor, was lucky enough to escape, after an army of police put an end to the boisterous fun. Charlie Carr, ringleader and head of advertising at the rag, led the drunken pack straight to the penguins. Curiously, this wasn't Carr's first midnight foray to the zoo. He once famously picked up a feathered friend and smuggled it back to his home in a blue holdall. Carr plopped it in his bath, fed it on fishfingers, then returned it to the zoo the next day.

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BARBARA ROCHE was made to feel most unwelcome at this week's small business conference in Birmingham. On her arrival, the Shadow Small Business Minister was harried into a nearby waiting room. Contrary to the conference billing, Roche did not appear on the platform with Richard Page, Small Business Minister. Instead, at Page's request, she wasn't allowed on stage until he had been ushered out of a different entrance, ensuring their paths would not cross. Page's office denies that this was the reason. But Roche snarled: "Richard needn't have worried — I would have been very gentle with him."

Conversion due

JOLLY John Antcliffe is joining the dream team at Lowe Bell Financial after almost three years as a director of Dewe Rogerson. I am told that this a marriage made in heaven — Dewe Rogerson looks after Bristol & West, while Lowe Bell takes care of Bank of Ireland. Honest Antcliffe, still in the pay of his present employers, declined an invitation to party with his new colleagues this week. He tells me that he will wait until his contract starts on February 1, earnestly adding: "I want to see the Woolwich conversion right through to the end."

"I started by pushing the wife's trolley around"

EVER wondered what happens to goods bought with stolen credit cards? From now, the repossessed items will be donated to Gifts in Kind, the charity launched yesterday by the Prince of Wales.

Deferred

LONG faces at Fleming Investment Management after a Christmas shopping spree had to be cancelled. An all-female team from Flemings was looking forward to an away-day in Paris, entertaining women pension fund consultants on the Eurostar. But because of this week's tunnel trouble, next Tuesday's trip has been postponed. Instead, the canny ladies are saving their pennies for a new year sales sortie.

RAILTRACK and London Transport are selling their umbrella mountain to commuters today, to raise money for Children In Need. More than 1,000 lost property umbrellas will be on sale at 14 stations around Britain.

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ANATOLE KALETSKY

How to raise taxes by £5bn and win a fifth term in office

The Budget could leave Tories with £3bn of election sweeteners

Last week I argued that the best service that Kenneth Clarke could do for the country in the Budget next week would be to announce a tax increase of £5 billion. The task for this column is to propose a package of measures that could plausibly achieve this result. First, a word about public spending. As I noted last week, demand could also be restrained by reducing public spending, rather than merely restricting its rate of growth as Mr Clarke has proposed. In the long run, all kinds of substantial savings could doubtless be achieved. But those who insist that today's economic dilemmas can simply be resolved by cutting public spending must answer two major objections.

First, experience suggests that governments (especially Tory governments) understate public spending pressures in their Budgets (especially in pre-election Budgets). Whatever the Chancellor announces next week, the chances are that the out-turn will be higher. It would therefore be rash to rely on even more ambitious targets for administrative savings and wage restraint than the ones Mr Clarke has already set. Genuine cuts are bound to be particularly difficult before elections, because the great bulk of public money is not spent on subsidising scroungers or paying civil servants, but on very popular programmes (see top chart).

Secondly, and more fundamentally, public spending needs to be planned in long cycles; government programmes cannot be turned on and off like a tap. There may indeed be a strong case for long-term reforms in social security, child benefits and education financing, as well as for further cuts in defence spending. If such reforms could be implemented, large permanent tax cuts would be justified, but only when the savings were actually achieved. The key problem for the Budget next week, however, is to restrain demand in the next year, not in the next century. To do that would require immediate cuts in public spending — and it is hard to see where ministers could suddenly discover large overnight savings that Tory governments have missed for the past 17 years.

Without implying for a moment that the Government should slacken its efforts to root out "waste, fraud and abuse", the conclusion must be that there is only one recourse, apart from raising interest rates, to restrain demand in the short-term. This is to increase taxes. A net tax increase of around £5 billion in next week's Budget would take enough demand out of the economy to remove any threat of inflation and obviate any further rise in interest rates. In fact, a fiscal tightening on this scale would probably allow interest rates to be reduced by a half point immediately and then to be pushed even lower, towards the levels prevailing in Germany and France, if demand continued to slow.

How, then, could a government raise an extra £5 billion in taxes, in today's economic and political environment? "Very easily". Here are a few modest proposals:

☐ The present buoyancy of the housing market, combined with the possibility of cutting interest rates in a fiscally tough Budget offers an ideal opportunity to abolish mortgage interest relief at source (Miras). I have criticised past reductions in Miras in these columns on the grounds that the Government was kicking a weak housing market when it was already down. But economic policy is is all about timing: a measure that was dangerous when the economy was weak would be sensible when mortgage borrowing is booming and house prices are rising. Abolishing Miras would raise £3 billion annually. Yet this tax increase would be almost painless if a tight Budget were combined with a half-point reduction in interest rates. Miras is worth £315 a year to most homeowners. But a half-point cut in interest rates would reduce the cost of an average £55,000 mortgage by £275. The net cost to an average household would thus be £40 a year. This could be recouped through other measures, as suggested below.

☐ Two other large sources of tax revenue are crying out for the Chancellor's attention. Profit-related pay (PRP) was a gimmick of Nigel Lawson's that was transformed almost immediately into a blatant tax-avoidance scam that bore no relation to popular capitalism or risk-sharing by workers. Ending PRP would save £1.5 billion a year.

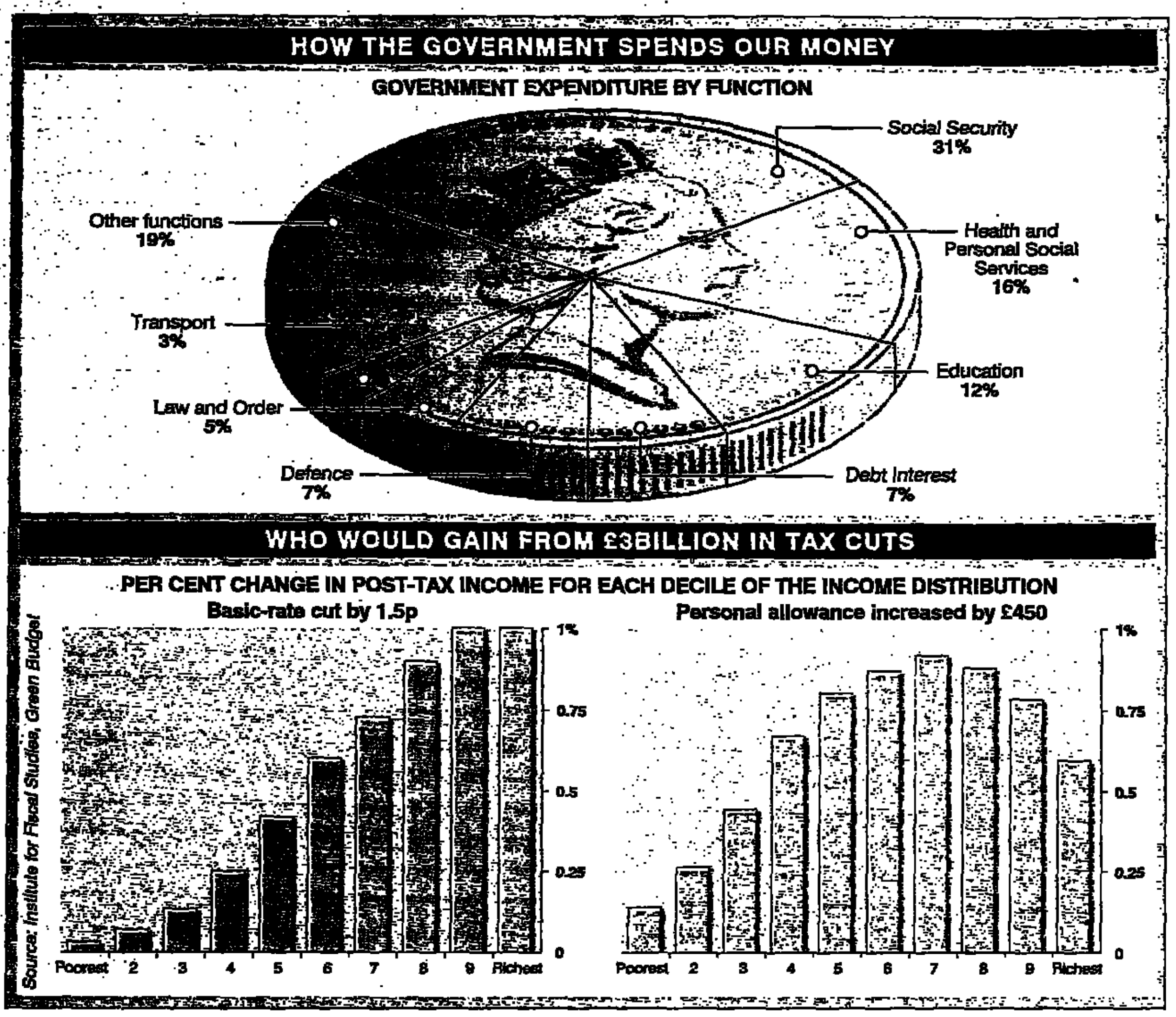
Another arcane area where reform could yield huge and immediate savings is Britain's unique and bizarre "imputation" system for taxing company dividends. This system, which is now under legal challenge by foreign multinational companies and investment institutions, effectively provides an additional subsidy for pension funds and personal equity plans, as well as creating a perverse incentive for British companies to distribute their profits through dividends rather than retaining them for investment. In 1993, Norman Lamont raised £1 billion annually by reducing the imputation rate from 25 to 20 per cent. Even without abolishing the imputation system completely, the Chancellor could raise a further £1 billion annually simply by cutting the imputation rate to 15 per cent. Of course this money would have to come from somewhere. Tampering with imputation might push down share prices and would certainly reduce the actuarial surpluses of pension funds, forcing people to save slightly more for their retirement. But that is all the more reason to act now, when share prices are in a bull market, pension funds are flush with cash and the booming economy makes it desirable to channel personal incomes into savings rather than consumption.

☐ *Higher indirect taxes would* add another £1.5 billion a year to my revenue-raising package. The first obvious area is insurance, where an increase in the premium tax from 2.5 per cent to the 5 per cent minimum VAT level in Europe would raise about £700 million. The second is motoring and environmental taxation. Despite Norman Lamont's courageous decision to raise petrol taxes by 5 per cent annually in real terms, Britain still has some of the world's lowest petrol prices and encourages the use of diesel, probably the most detrimental to health. Considering Britain's high population density and the close correlation between traffic congestion and economic growth, a period of strong economic recovery would be the best possible time to raise motoring taxation, as well as to increase the levies on landfills and industrial polluters. Such taxes could easily yield an additional £800 million.

☐ *The final area for the Chancellor's attention should be the* North Sea. The Government's total revenues from oil and gas production has fallen to £1.5 billion from a 1984 peak of £12 billion. In 1981, when oil prices were high and it became apparent that the North Sea was more lightly taxed than comparable areas of production, Sir Geoffrey Howe introduced a supplementary petrolem duty to raise £2 billion a year. Today, with oil prices again approaching the levels of the mid-1980s, an increase of £1 billion in North Sea taxation would surely not be too much to demand.

Between them, the above measures would raise taxes by about £8 billion. Let us now suppose Mr Clarke wanted to earn some populist election-winning headlines. He could remit £3 billion of these extra revenues by cutting the standard rate of tax and widening the 20p band. Alternatively, he could please the business community by introducing a lower rate of capital gains tax for long-term investment, a measure that might cost £500 million or so — and still leave himself enough money to increase substantially the tax-free personal allowance or the threshold for national insurance, which would do more than any other measure to help the poor and help the unemployed back into jobs.

Such headline-grabbing tax cuts, along with a half-point cut in interest rates, would leave most voters no worse off than they were before the Budget. Meanwhile, the Treasury would enjoy a net tax increase of £5 billion. The economy would be protected from inflationary overheating. Industry would be saved from the overvalued pound. And the Tories might even deserve to win the election.



Source: Institute for Fiscal Studies, Green Budget

BUSINESS LETTERS

Retroactive windfall tax no better than legalised robbery

From Mr Richard Thomas

Sir, Surely there is an important principle at stake in the current discussion about a windfall tax to be levied on the utility companies: in a democracy, the government may not impose retroactive legislation. If one were to do so, it would cross the threshold into totalitarianism.

For many years I have been made uneasy by successive chancellors' Budget speeches in which they announce certain taxes which are to be increased with almost immediate effect. At that stage the Finance Bill has yet to be debated in Parliament let alone having received the Royal Assent and so become law.

But Labour's proposed windfall tax would be quite definitely retroactive in application and therefore nothing better than legalised robbery. An earlier Parliament refused to allow King Henry VII to antedate his reign to the day before Bosworth so he could indict King Richard III's adherents with treason. Will our next Parliament recognise their same moral obligation to the nation?

Yours faithfully
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Jobs claim wrong

From Mr Roy Albinson

Sir, It seems the assertions by the utilities (*The Times*, November 8) that this [windfall] tax would involve further job losses are unjustified.

Privatisation was hailed as a great success for "cutting the fat", ie massive staffing cuts that improved efficiency and lowered costs. The statements already made that further job cuts would have to follow the tax mean that there is still at least some "fat" to cut — is this not good reason for increasing the proposed tax to achieve this cut? Why should an increase in efficiency suddenly become a bad thing? Particularly if the gain is distributed by way of tax revenue to the previous owners whose assets were sold so cheaply.

Yours faithfully
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Better prepare for a life of leisure

From Mr Rainer Burchett

Sir, Professor Marris in his article last Friday is reminiscent of old generals who are forever preparing for the next war by planning to perfect the use of the weapons introduced in the previous war.

It seems improbable that the very real problems identified by Professor Marris will be permanently solved by a rate of growth significantly above the long-term trend rise in productivity. For one thing, setting out on a path of, say 5 per cent p.a. growth will create an investment boom which may well increase the trend rate of productivity growth. One can also question whether, given ultimate limits on raw materials and energy, an ever growing economy is even desirable.

What our economists and social theorists (and, God help us, our politicians) ought to be considering is what sort of economic and social models are appropriate to a world in which a small minority of the population. The main problems seem to be firstly establishing, and gaining general acceptance for, the principles and mechanisms for distribution of both work and income, and, secondly, educating the population, not so much for work as for a life substantially or completely to be spent in leisure.

Yours faithfully,
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What's the point of a yo-yo pound?

From Mr Keith E. Hunter

Sir, Roger Bootle (*The Times*, November 5) should know that one currency's revaluation is another's devaluation. During the whole of this year we have been advised that the mark and the franc were grossly overvalued. How then could any chancellor or European finance minister buck a market waiting for the right moment to achieve devaluation of the mark and the franc "by other means"? Those of us who have had to pay management charges to French property service companies in recent years have witnessed events in France that made the *franc fort* a nonsense.

We might wonder why British exporters need the status of the pound to be reduced to that of a rouble or a rupee, rather than rely on product quality, innovation and good after-sales service etc. Are we to be condemned for ever more to having a yo-yo currency?

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Old habits die hard as French launch private pension debate

Employees may be reluctant to lose a state system, writes **Adam Sage**

After five years of debate, hesitation and false-starts, the French Government is to introduce private pension funds to a country that relies almost exclusively on its ailing social security system.

The proposal to create pension funds went before the French National Assembly yesterday, with the Socialists promising to oppose them and the Government determined that they should become law by January.

Despite fierce controversy over a project seen by unions as an attack on traditional state pensions, the Gaullist-led cabinet says that it is determined to push through a law that will pave the way for private pension schemes.

Not only will the proposals mark a radical change in the way the French plan for retirement, but they could also revolutionise the Paris stock market, which is smaller and weaker than its main counterparts abroad.

Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, said that the new schemes will target the country's 14 million private sector workers, who will obtain tax deductions against payments made into the funds. On retirement, they should be given the option of receiving either a pension or a lump sum, M Juppé said.

At present, only the self-employed and civil servants can obtain such tax deductions, and they often have little interest in doing so given the generosity of state pensions for lower income groups. As a result, the private pensions industry is of marginal importance in France, catering for just over 500,000 people.

Administered by insurance companies and *mutuelles*, the French equivalent of friendly societies, the new funds will function on an altogether different scale, according to the project's supporters.

They say that the market in private pensions will be worth between fr30 billion and fr50 billion in the short term, and far more in the longer term. The pension industry hopes that over the next 15 years, it can attract up to a third of the fr2,400 billion invested by the French in life insurance policies.

If so, the more ambitious claims made on behalf of the French stock market could prove well founded. At present worth fr2,700 billion, and with about a third of its shares owned by non-French institutions, *La Bourse*, and in its wake, the French economy, would be transformed by the injection of pension funds, enabling it to compete with rivals abroad, analysts say.

One idea floated by the French administration is for pension schemes to be legally bound to invest 60 per cent of their funds in French or European shares.

Didier Maillard, director of economic studies at Paribas Bank, said: "A country can only exist as an economic actor if it has important and organised shareholders." The pension funds will provide France with just that, as they have elsewhere, he hopes.

This, however, is by no means the only motive behind the Government's proposals. With the welfare deficit reaching fr51.6 billion this year, France can no longer afford generous state pensions under which employees on average incomes can expect to receive 80 per of their salaries.

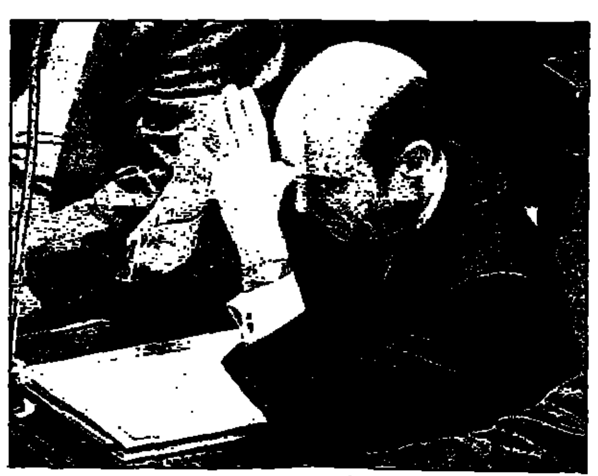
According to Arnauld d'Yvoire, general-secretary of the Pensions' Observatory, a Paris-based quango set up to oversee the pensions system, such high levels could only be maintained if workers paid about 12 per cent of their earnings into the state's scheme — an unacceptable amount.

"At the moment, the only people who take a significant fall in earnings when they retire are the very high paid," he said. "But in the future, that situation is going to reach the middle classes and even the working classes. Without a miracle, the state pension is going to decline."

He is not, however, convinced that the new funds will be as successful as their supporters claim. Politically sensitive, proposals to boost the private pension industry have been floated several times by different governments since the start of the decade but shelved on every previous occasion.

Observers say that the Prime Minister could be forced to limit tax deductions and maintain an obligation to make payments into the state pension system in order to ensure his proposals are politically acceptable.

Emmanuel Reynaud, a pensions expert at the Institute of Social and Economic Studies, based in Paris, said: "I'm not sure that French pension funds will be very successful. Those promoting the project hope it will make the Paris stock market more active. But for this to happen, employees will need to sign up and that will take a very long time."



Alain Juppé is hoping to offer tax incentives

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Babcock halves payout despite modest advance

By Clare Stewart

BABCOCK INTERNATIONAL, the engineering group, is halving its interim dividend payment despite a small recovery in first-half profits.

Benefits from restructuring helped the group to lift pre-tax profits to £2.7 million, against £2.2 million last time and a £19.3 million full-year loss at the end of 1995. Including a one-off gain, pre-tax profits for the six months to September rose to £4.4 million. Group sales have fallen to £319.7 million, from £393.7 million.

Babcock, which has had a chequered past few years, is cutting its interim dividend from 1.25p to 0.625p. It is to be paid as a foreign income dividend.

Nick Salmon, chief executive, said that the results marked a "a major turnaround from last year". Dr John Parker, chairman, said that the group's rehabilitation programme had been "tougher and more demanding" than expected.

The group announced completion of the long drawn out negotiations over privatisation of the Rosyth Royal Dockyard, which it has previously run under a management contract. Despite securing ownership of the dockyard, details of the deal are still under wraps. The cost is expected to be between £20 million and £30 million.

The contribution from the dockyard, which refits Royal Navy ships and submarines, together with an improved result from Railcare, helped to boost profits within Babcock's Facilities Management division. Operating profits rose 31 per cent to £7.54 million.

There was a marked turnaround in Babcock's materials handling division, where last year's losses, of £1.87 million, were reversed, for a £985,000 profit. The result was largely due to restructuring within its German business, which moved back into profits. Within the division, however, the Wood Group showed a loss, which was blamed on "low order volumes and problems in completing several contracts". Wood is expected to break even by full-time.

The Process Engineering division incurred a loss of £2.08 million (£1.5 million operating profit), partly owing to the difficulty of winning new and substantial orders to replace work lost last year in Saudi Arabia.

Babcock Environmental losses grew from £1.8 million to £2.4 million, while those at the Africa division were £1.8 million.

Analysts are pencilling in profits of £10 million for the year end. Shares in Babcock moved up 6p to close at 69p.

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CHRIS HARRIS

Lee Portrioi, managing director, left, with Gitu Panjabi and Dan Nathanson, director of Barclays Global Investors

BZW launches with-profit fund

BARCLAYS Global Investors is to capitalise on the growing demand for second-hand life policies with the launch of a new fund (Marianne Curphey writes). It will invest in traded with-profit endowment assurance policies, known in the industry as TEPs, and aims to sell to financial intermediaries and private investors.

The fund, to be known as the BZW Endowment Fund II, aims to raise up to £25 million, and to diversify the risk between policies of different life offices, policy terms, and maturity dates. Gitu Panjabi, business development manager of Barclays Global Investors, said a total of 13.5 million shares would be placed and the balance of 11.5 million shares will be offered for subscription by the public. If the offer is oversubscribed, the shares will be distributed on a first come first served basis. The issue has been increased by five million shares to 25 million to meet expected demand.

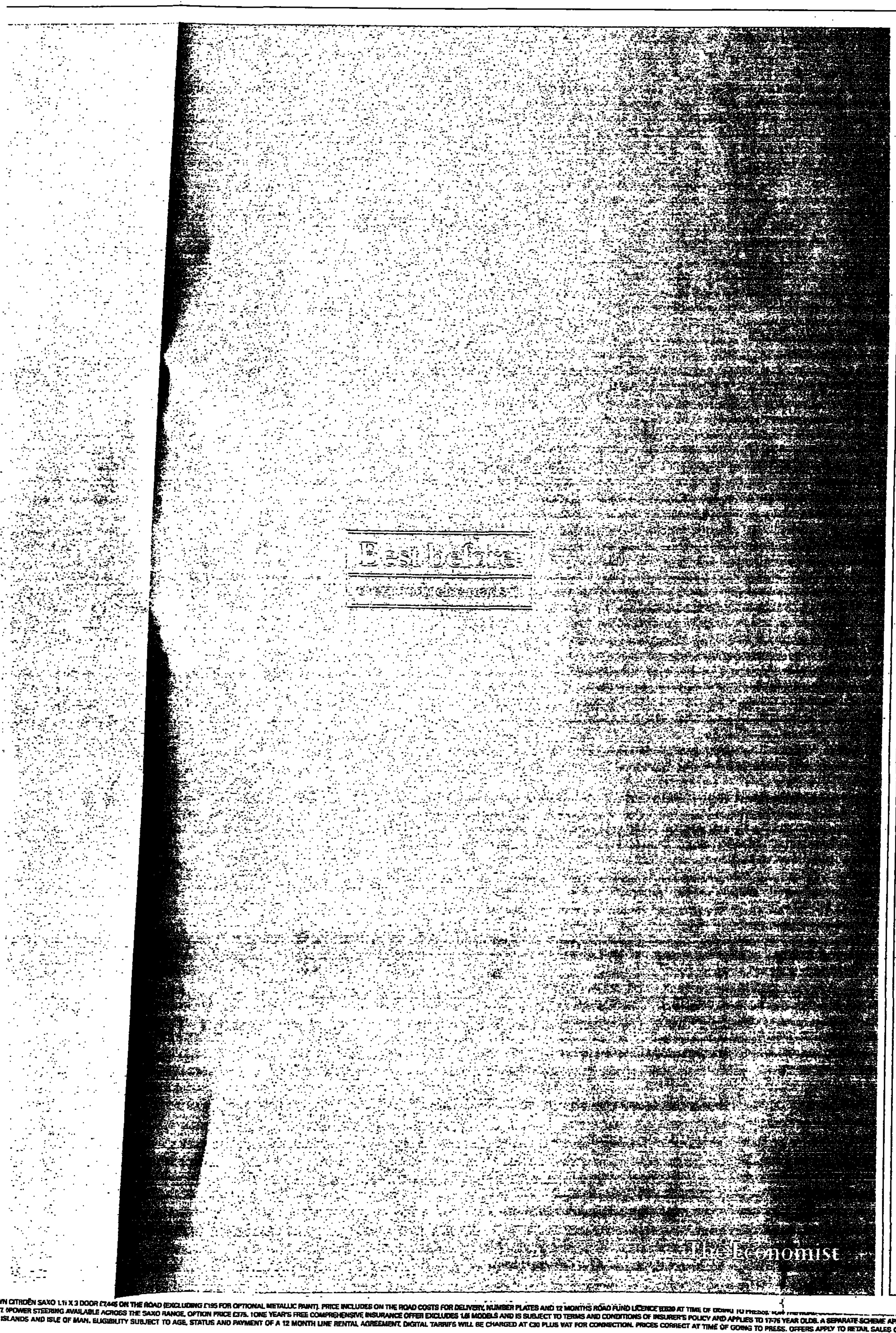
Shares in NAB race to record

From Rachel Bridge
in Sydney

SHARES in National Australia Bank (NAB) surged 27 cents to a record A$14.19 yesterday after group profits exceeded A$2 billion for the first time.

The bank, Australia's biggest and the owner of Yorkshire Bank, Clydesdale Bank, Northern Bank and National Irish Bank, unveiled a rise in operating profits from A$1.97 billion to A$2.10 billion (£1 billion) for the year to September 1996. The UK contribution fell 4 per cent, to A$403 million, largely as a result of problems at Yorkshire Bank, where bad and doubtful debts jumped from A$77 million to A$158 million.

Profits from NAB's Australian operations were flat, at A$1.28 billion, held back too by a rise in bad and doubtful debts. The bank also announced plans to spend about A$180 million buying back about 13 million of its own shares. The bank has made no secret of its desire to expand through acquisition. It is widely expected to be a player after the relaxation of restrictions on mergers and takeovers that is expected next year.



BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Nursing Home Properties to grow

NURSING HOME PROPERTIES, which specialises in the purchase and leaseback of nursing homes, said it plans to raise £100 million early next year to continue its expansion programme. The amount will be raised by selling existing leases to a special purpose vehicle, which will be owned by a charitable trust. The money will be used to build on Nursing Home Properties' portfolio, which comprises 34 nursing homes with almost 2,000 beds.

Nursing Home Properties reported pre-tax profits of £1.14 million in the year to the end of September against a profit of £140,000 on turnover of £3.51 million, up 326 per cent. Earnings per share were 4.44p, up 91 per cent. A final dividend of 1.25p makes the total dividend 3.7p compared with 0.8p. The 18-month-old company is listed on the AIM market and intends to seek a London Stock Exchange listing next year.

Cash injection for Tops

TOPS ESTATES, the town centre retail property specialist, is getting a £20 million cash injection from three institutions that are taking a half share in Tops's Leeds Shopping Plaza. The plaza is being transferred to a vehicle in which Orion-vink, Lothbury Property Trust and United Bank of Kuwait will subscribe for half the shares. The deal will reduce Tops's gearing from 170 per cent to 124 per cent. The £64 million plaza is undergoing a redesign. Its rental income is expected to increase from £4 million to £6.4 million over 18 months.

Hiscox acquisition

HISCOX, the insurance group, is seeking to buy out its subsidiary, Hiscox Underwriting, for about £3.2 million. Hiscox Underwriting sources business from the UK and mainland Europe which has not been traditionally offered to the Lloyd's market. During 1995, it introduced £27.5 million of gross written premium income to four Hiscox Syndicates. The deal is intended to raise the profile of Hiscox Underwriting's products, and end the requirement for payment of Lloyd's standard levies. The acquisition will be effective from January 1.

Shield Diagnostics dips

A SHARP decline in the sales of infectious disease testing equipment pushed Shield Diagnostics, the medical diagnostics company, into loss in the half year to the end of September. The Dundee company blamed the downturn on the decline in sales of its syphilis test and the German Government's retreat on its commitment to test all pregnant women for Chlamydia. Shield reported a pre-tax loss of £291,100 in the period, against a profit of £43,600 previously, on turnover that was flat at £2.73 million.

Crowe capital vehicle

NEW LONDON CAPITAL, which provides underwriting capacity at Lloyd's of London, is investing £7.3 million in a new venture with Crowe Insurance Group to create a dedicated capital vehicle. New London will take an effective 55 per cent holding in Crowe Corporate Capital, which will have initial net assets of £9.3 million. Crowe Corporate will underwrite capacity for the 1997 year of £38 million across the six syndicates it manages. This will take 1997 underwriting capacity for the enlarged vehicle to £155 million.

Bigger loss at Vocalis

VOCALIS, the speech technology company that reported its first interims yesterday, said sales in the half year to the end of September were slighty below expections but orders in the second half are gaining momentum. The lastest order comes from Folec Communications of Singapore, which will distribute Vocalis speech systems in the Asia-Pacific region. The company, floated on the London Stock Exchange at 95p a share in July, reported a £853,000 pre-tax loss (£564,000 loss) on turnover of £629,000, up 153 per cent.

Charterhouse float

CHARTERHOUSE Communications, publisher of *What Mortgage* and *What Investment*, is floating on the Alternative Investment Market with an estimated market capitalisation of £5 million. Just over 40 per cent of share capital will be available at 5p per share, with directors and managers holding the remaining shares. Turnover for 1996 was £3.7 million, compared to £2.8 million the previous year; profits were £665,000, up from £336,000.

Chloride ready to buy

CHLORIDE, the electronics group, is to spend the £14.7 million it will gain from the closure of its pension fund on a bumper acquisition. Keith Hodgkinson, chief executive, said that after having severed its links with its battery-making roots two months ago, the company had decided to use the money to fund a sizeable buy. Chloride returned pre-tax profits of £4.79 million (£3.54 million) for the half year to September 30. An interim dividend of 0.18p (0.133p) is due on January 31.

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Rival schoolgirls run riot after fight over boyfriend

By Kathryn Knight and Lin Jenkins

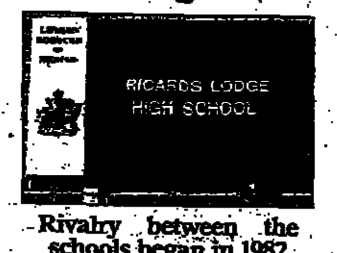
MORE than a hundred girls from rival schools ran riot in an affluent suburb, punching, biting and scratching each other after two girls had an argument over a boyfriend.

The teenagers from two schools in Wimbledon, southwest London, screamed and shouted as they launched into the mêlée outside the railway station after lessons on Thursday. About a hundred boys from local schools joined in to help their girlfriends in what one police officer called the biggest fight between schoolchildren that he had ever seen.

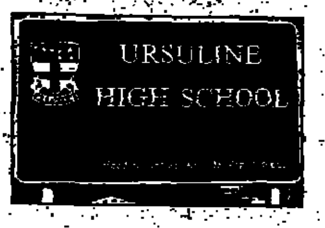
Extra police officers had to be drafted in to break up the brawl, which moved from Wimbledon station to the High Street. An elderly woman was hit with her walking stick and members of the public watched as girls aged 12 to 14 fell to the ground as they fought. A 13-year-old girl said the argument had started over a local, much-desired boy.

"One was going out with him and the other wanted him," she said. "The boy tried to stop the fight but ended up getting hit by the one of the girls. The two girls started having a go at each other and all their mates piled in. Kids were diving in to split it up but ended up getting into a fight themselves."

Girls from Ursuline High, a convent school say they have long been the target of taunts from pupils at Ricards Lodge, a comprehensive. Ursuline is two places higher than Ricards in the local league table and there has been a history of rivalry ever since a gang fight in 1982, also sparked by a disagreement over the affections of a boy.



Rivalry between the schools began in 1982



Three years ago about 200 teenagers from the two schools rampaged around Wimbledon station. Police reinforcements had to be called in to quell the riot. This time, within minutes, scores of pupils were involved, with more chanting from the sidelines. Police reinforcements arrived after bemused and shocked locals contacted police. Three boys were arrested but were later released.

Inspector Bob Ferris of Wimbledon police said: "There were between two and three hundred schoolchildren and it was extremely intimidating. They were extremely disorderly and it seemed to be a prearranged fight although we have no proof of that. The children revel in their anonymity; they know that when the police arrive they do not know them."

One 15-year-old said the girls from Ricards liked to demonstrate how tough they were. "They are always pushing and shoving and shouting and swearing. They think they are so streetwise and we are just posh. We normally just ignore it."

A woman who sells flowers at the station said she had attended Pelham High School in Wimbledon, which has since closed. "Even in those days we used to fight the girls from Ricards. They have always had a reputation for fighting," she said.

A police source later disclosed that police could have arrested many more pupils but they wanted to avoid inflaming the situation.

Yesterday afternoon about half a dozen police officers stood sentry at the front of the station while others checked for signs of violence. Pupils from the two schools were marshalled by teachers and police who ushered them quickly on to their trains.

Head teachers from four schools, including Ursuline and Ricards Lodge, were also invited to a meeting with the Chief Inspector of Wimbledon Police yesterday to talk through the problems and see if the police could help. Merton council said the incident was being investigated.

Gay-service bishop condemns Church's 'obsession with sex'

THE Church of England bishop who will preach at today's gay service at Southwark cathedral yesterday condemned the "obsession with sex" that was threatening to turn the issue into the most divisive since the ordination of women priests.

In his sermon, the Right Rev John Gladwin, Bishop of Guildford, will appeal for unity. He is expected to outline practical ways in which Christians of all sexual persuasions within the church can co-exist peacefully.

The service, condemned by one opponent as "celebrating 20 years of gay sex" on a recent BBC Radio 4 *Thought for the Day*, has united traditionalists and evangelicals in opposition. More than 40 churches are planning to observe a day of prayer and fasting, an attempt to negate spiritually the effects of a service they believe is celebrating "evil acts".

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, has received dozens of protest letters and last week distanced himself from the service, organised to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement.

Benjamin Chambers, left, who "loved the farm", with his twin Christopher

Mother tried in vain to pluck boy from grain pit

A MOTHER described yesterday how she tried to pull one of her eight-year-old twin sons free as he sank to his death in a pit of corn. Kim Chambers wept as she told an inquest that Benjamin vanished into the grain as though it were quicksand, with his brother Christopher looking on.

Mrs Chambers, 30, said that the identical twins, her daughter Samantha, 10, and stepdaughter Clare, 16, had been repeatedly warned to keep away from machinery and the grain storage area at the family's farm at Bagworth, Leicestershire. On the day of the accident in September, her husband Ivor, 39, had been harvesting while the twins were playing.

Mrs Chambers yesterday: dug down with her hands

"I assumed they had gone into the garden or into the fields to play with the ducks and chickens," she said. "I usually give them ten minutes. I was on my way to go to see them when Christopher met me at the door saying Benjamin was trapped in the corn. I ran to the storage area and I could see Ben on top of the corn. He was about up to his thighs and was sinking. I climbed on to the corn and just grabbed hold of him and tried to pull him out, but I couldn't.

"The pressure of the corn moving down was defeating me. He just went down, underneath. Christopher stood at the side and I can remember screaming at him to switch off the corn drier, which was sucking the corn down. But of course he didn't know how to switch it off."

Mrs Chambers eventually switched off the machine. "I ran back to the corn and pushed my arm down, but he had gone too far down for me to find him. I just couldn't find him." She dug her way into the corn with her hands until the the fire brigade arrived, alerted by her daughter. They recovered Benjamin 20 minutes later but he was dead on arrival at hospital. A post-mortem examination showed that he was suffocated by the grain.

Brian Slater, a health and safety inspector, said the drying grain had formed a vortex effect so strong that even a grown man would have been unable to escape. Good standards had been kept by the Chambers and safety arrangements for the children were excellent. The inquest jury at Coalville, Leicestershire, returned a verdict of accidental death.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Move to keep bogus claimants out of court

Benefit fraudsters will be able to avoid prosecution by paying a 30 per cent penalty as well as returning illegally-claimed payments, Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, said, announcing the Social Security Administration Fraud Bill.

As part of measures to cut benefit fraud, anti-fraud officers are to have greater powers and tax records are to be used to check for false claims. Many of the 25,000 fraudsters expected to be caught are likely to be offered the chance to return illegal claims, together with the fine. This option, intended to reduce court costs, will not be offered to those who have also offended in the past or who have been involved in multiple fraud.

Yard to question Jackal

A Scotland Yard team has flown to Paris to interview Ilich Ramirez Sanchez — nicknamed Carlos the Jackal — over a number of London incidents including the shooting of the Marks & Spencer president Edward Sieff. Sanchez, arrested in the Sudan two years ago, is awaiting trial for a series of incidents including the bombing of French trains.

Labour man charged with fraud

A former election agent of Peter Mandelson, the Labour MP for Hartlepool, has been charged with fraud. Bernard Carr, 42, former chair of the housing committee in Hartlepool and of the town's Labour Party, will face six counts of deception and one of attempted deception at the town's magistrates' court on December 20.

Death crash coach driver cleared

A driver whose coach crashed in the M5, killing a Royal Marine bandsman, was cleared of careless driving on the judge's instructions at Bristol Crown Court. Judge David Smith said there was a conflict of evidence as to whether the coach's brakes failed when William Mancey, 54, from Plymouth, was confronted by a jacknifed car and caravan.

Rape victim attacked on busy road

Drivers stuck in a traffic jam on Wandsworth Road, south London, ignored a 13-year-old boy struggling with an attacker who abducted and raped him, police said. The man involved in Thursday evening's attack was thought to be a vagrant. Detective Inspector Geoff Whitehouse said: "I would have expected someone to stop and help a struggling boy."

Passenger planes came too close

Investigators were trying to work out how a British Airways Boeing 767 with 180 passengers came close to an Air UK Fokker 100 aircraft with 77 passengers at 20,000 ft over south-west Scotland on Thursday evening. Air UK said: "There was no risk as constant visual contact was kept between them and they were at least one mile apart at all times."

Husband jailed for car shunt

Alan Foster, 43, was jailed for six months for ramming his wife's car off the road into a ditch. The incident had started with a row at their joint business at Whitby, North Yorkshire. Yvonne Foster, 53, drove off and her husband followed in his four-wheel drive car and rammed her car off the road. Teesside Crown Court rejected her plea for mercy for her husband.

Drink case judgment reserved

The High Court reserved judgment on a damages claim by Peter Baker, a television sales executive, against a company physician. The medical assessment of Mr Baker's drinking habits by Dr Georges Kaye led to his being turned down for a new job with NBC Europe. Deputy judge Robert Owen, QC, did not indicate when he would give judgment.

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Royal Yacht gets ready to sail into Hong Kong sunset

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE Royal Yacht *Britannia* is in dry dock for a full maintenance check-up before embarking on her last and most historic journey. She sails to Hong Kong to take part in the official handover of the colony to China on June 30 next year.

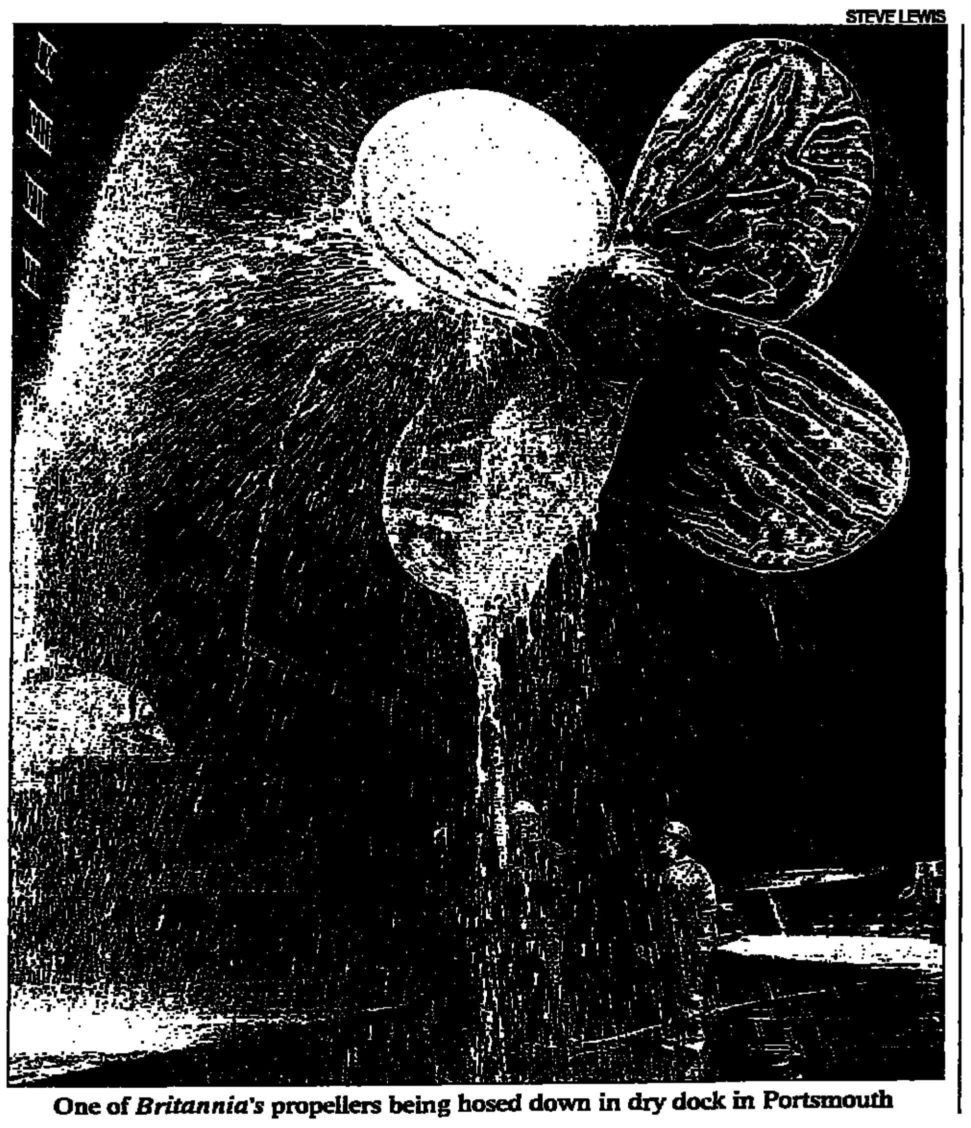
HMY Britannia will play the key role in the celebrations being planned by the Government in consultation with Buckingham Palace, before being decommissioned at the end of next year. After the handover, the Prince of Wales, Chris Patten, the last Governor of the colony, and Major-General Bryan Dutton, the last Commander British Forces Hong Kong, will leave on board *Britannia*.

A significant proportion of the Royal Navy will be close to shore or in the region. It is believed that *Britannia's* main escort will be the Broadsword class Type 22 frigate *HMS Chatham*.

One of the two amphibious assault ships, *HMS Intrepid* and *HMS Fearless*, will also be deployed to Hong Kong to evacuate The Black Watch, the last British Army regiment to serve in the colony. The regiment is due to take over from The Staffordshire Regiment on February 10 next year. A small number of Gurkhas still serving in the colony will also be evacuated. Other warships in the area will be the aircraft carrier *HMS Illustrious* and escort ships which by then will have completed a Far East deployment called Ocean Wave.

Britannia will remain in dry dock having every part checked and cleaned for her final voyage, which will be commanded by Commodore Anthony Morrow. A navy spokeswoman at Portsmouth said: "*Britannia* is having her annual, and last, maintenance."

After her visit to Hong Kong, *Britannia* will sail back to Portsmouth, arriving in August. She is expected to carry out routine royal duties in the latter part of the year. The yacht's future after decommissioning remains uncertain. Ministers have yet to make a decision.



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One of *Britannia's* propellers being hosed down in dry dock in Portsmouth

Hospital calls halt to operations not paid for by fundholders

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

SURGEONS at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital have been told not to carry out routine operations unless the patient's GP is a fundholder.

Some 450 people with "non-urgent" conditions have been put on a "suspended waiting list" until next April. Documents leaked to *The Times* disclose that what East Norfolk Health Authority describes as "slowing the pace of work currently being undertaken" means bringing routine general surgery to a stop.

An internal memorandum tells hospital staff to halt non-urgent treatments for people waiting since the start of the financial year. They include patients with hernias, varicose veins and skin cysts.

"Any patients who are in a routine category on the waiting list and were put there after the 23rd April 1996 will now be put on a suspended waiting list until the 31st March, 1997," says the memorandum, which is dated October 25, halfway through the financial year. In the past, health authorities have run out of money towards April.

A brief from Malcolm Stamp, chief executive of Norfolk and Norwich Health Care NHS Trust, dated October 16, tells staff: "The money the trust receives each year is received from the contracts it secures with purchasers and GP fundholders — known as 'contract income'. One of the main sources of contract income to the trust is East Norfolk Health Authority, which is now discussing with the trust ways of slowing the pace of work currently being undertaken."

The hospital serves a population of 500,000. Nearly half have fundholding GPs, who handle their own budgets and can buy operations from the NHS or private hospitals. The rest of the population have services bought for them by the health authority, which paid in bulk for 12,000 patients to receive general surgery this year. Because of unexpectedly high demand, that figure is about to be reached.

The NHS Trust Federation said this was an example of the crisis faced by the health service because of a cash shortage this year.

Jennifer Dixon, health policy analyst at the King's Fund, a research organisation, said it was an example of the "efficiency trap" created by the internal market. "If the hospital is super-efficient, if it does masses of operations very quickly, then your money runs out much more quickly," she said.

Hospitals are under orders from the Health Department to improve efficiency by performing 3 per cent more work for the same money each year. Commenting on the Norfolk situation, the department said: "They are not urgent cases and will receive treatment within 12 months."

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Action Man: barred for inciting violence

Co-op is no-man's land for Action Man

By Stephen Farrell

ACTION MAN found himself up against an implacable new enemy yesterday: the Co-op. Amid concern over the effects of toy weapons, the store chain is ending the sale of 131 products which not only include toy swords and Robin Hood archery sets, but also the £7.99 model which is Britain's sixth best-selling toys. Other shops such as Hamley's and Selfridges have banned toy guns and weapons, but neither has forbidden Action Man.

The decision comes as the latest 12in model, the lawman Crimebuster, is expected to feature prominently in the £1.59 billion Christmas toy market. The manufacturer Hasbro pointed out that the Co-op had less than 1 per cent of the market. A spokeswoman added: "The toy is no longer a military figure. The modern Action Man is a cross between Indiana Jones and James Bond. He is an adventure figure."

Action Man first invaded Britain 30 years ago. His tour of duty seemed to have expired when he was withdrawn in 1984, but he was called up again after eight years and now boasts an annual turnover of £48 million. There have been more than 350 manifestations.

Geoff Harper, National Living Stores Executive for Cooperative Retail Services, said banned toys would be replaced with educational and learning products in their 14 Living and CRS stores.

He said: "In the light of Dunblane we have made a decision to stop selling toys which may be perceived to represent, or incite, violence. It is not political correctness. The society has always had a conscience."

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Richard Morrison on the Arts Council's bold decision to promote 'grassroots' projects with lottery funds

Culture for all? Yes, it's official

If you always wanted to transform the kids hanging round your street corner into a wicked clog-dancing outfit, you will never get a better chance. If your neighbourhood needs freshening up with a few walls of legit graffiti, start spreading the paint.

If your embryonic Oasis lacks only a pair of mind-blowing loudspeakers, this is the moment to press your claim to fame. The Arts Council — hitherto a fairly staunch supporter of the "it don't mean a thing if it ain't professional" theory of subsidy — has suddenly gone stark, staring populist.

Yesterday Lord Gowrie's bureaucrats unveiled Arts for Everyone — a project which, in their new funky mood, they insist on abbreviating to "A4E". In the next year alone an estimated £20 million of lottery money will go to the scheme. The Arts Council is sending out 50,000 application forms and hoping that 10,000 groups will apply.

If that happens, it will signal a massive expansion, a Big Bang, in state patronage of the arts. It may not quite mean arts for everyone. But it will certainly be hard to walk lown any high street without umping into somebody who has enefited from an Arts Council ottery grant. To borrow a phrase, it ould be you.

So how does "A4E" work? Well, tere are two strands. Local groups aplying for smaller grants — from £00 and £5,000 — will head for a nne-month pilot scheme called A.E Express. This is radical stuff: nt Arts Council scrutiny of your aristic quality or accounts (you dcn't even need to be a properly costituted company); no long waitingperiod; minimum red tape. "We cold be accused of subsidising lowquality art," admits Caroline Leeh of the Arts Council. "But here we eel that the process of producing he art is almost as important as te product."

Aplicants simply need to be backd by two independent referees. And, of course, to have a bright idea or using the grant. That idea has t meet at least one of Arts for Everyone's five guiding criteria: encouraging participation; getting young people involved; building new audiences; supporting new work; and developing skills. It is hard to think of a single leisure pursuit that *wouldn't* qualify — but that is the point. The A4E Express pilot scheme (which will have two deadlines: January 31 and April 30) is designed to spread the lottery largesse as widely and — in the most positive sense — as indiscriminately as possible. Even the requirement for applicants to provide some "partnership funding" is sugared by Sir Cameron Mackintosh's decision to donate £100,000 a year for five years specifically for this purpose.

Meanwhile the bigger scheme will give grants of up to £500,000 to more established groups. They will have to satisfy at least three of the criteria listed above. The emphasis is firmly on developing new audiences or new work.

Taken together, the Arts for Everyone projects represent a revolution in arts policy. First, lottery money is at last being openly used to fund people rather than buildings. Not before time, many would say. Admittedly, £20 million is mere pocket-money compared with the £350 million committed to the Greenwich Millennium Exhibition, or the £78 million going to the Royal Opera House development. But taken together with the "stabilisation fund" announced in the summer and the new scheme to provide grants for performing-arts students, Arts for Everyone does suggest a new flexibility in official thinking about how lottery money is spent.

Secondly, the A4E Express scheme, by its very nature, will be largely unpoliced. That is risky. Some of those grants will undoubtedly produce low-quality art, or even no-quality art. But the risk is worth taking. For too long the Arts Council has been perceived as a cosy support-agency for a comparatively narrow band of favoured professionals. If this scheme realises the potential of groups that do not fit into sophisticated metropolitan notions of "good taste" or "quality", so much the better.

"There's never been anything quite like Arts for Everyone," trumpeted the Arts Council yesterday. "It's intended to refresh the arts other funding schemes cannot reach..." For once, that boast seems justified. But it does beg a question: if Arts for Everyone is such a great idea, why has it taken the Arts Council 50 years to think of it? More specifically, why has this brilliant use of lottery money only been introduced now, two years after the lottery was set up?

Cynics will claim that Arts for Everyone has been instigated only after millions of pounds have already been lavished on Arts for Very Few People. They will also point to Labour's threats to overhaul lottery grants to the arts if they don't meet "the people's priorities". Setting up a grassroots scheme like A4E Express could defuse complaints about too much lottery money going to a charmed circle of London culture palaces.

But however questionable the motivation or tardy the initiative, Arts for Everyone should be welcomed. If 5,000 groups who have never been publicly funded suddenly receive the money to do something imaginative, a huge store of latent creative talent could be unlocked. And, with a bit of luck, the old charge of "elitism" that has dogged the Arts Council for half a century could finally be rebutted.

● *Information packs about Arts for Everyone can be obtained by phoning 0990 100344*

... but should the Arts Council be wound down?

Lord Chadlington, the new chairman of the Royal Opera House, proposed far-reaching changes to the arts-funding system in a speech last night. Giving the annual lecture at the Royal Fine Art Commission, Lord Chadlington (formerly Peter Gummer) suggested that the seven largest performing arts organisations should be subsidised not by Arts Council grant, but directly by the Government.

He called the Big Seven (the South Bank, ENO, National Theatre, RSC, Royal Opera, Royal Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet) "national assets to be nurtured and protected." Under his proposals the Arts Council of England would then devote itself to "developing grassroot enterprises", and be moved out of London to "Middle England or a development area". It would keep no more than a dozen officers in a London office for "lobbying Government".

At the same time the ten regional arts boards would be given powers to distribute lottery funds directly in their areas. "London decision-making — or even head office decision-making — is a concept banks and businesses left behind years ago," Lord Chadlington said.

He also proposed that lottery funds be used to provide:

- all 16-year-old schoolchildren with a "swipe card" — the Lottery Arts Card — that would allow them to make five free visits to theatres, concert halls, opera houses, galleries or museums;
- a national "bank" of musical instruments to be freely available on loan to children learning instruments in schools;
- a dedicated national arts television channel which would transmit performances from the national companies as well as documentaries, educational programmes and archive material. This would "transform the way people see the lottery's contribution to society".

Lord Chadlington also called for the establishment of a "National Endowment for Science and Technology in the Arts", which would encourage — by tax incentives or matching grants — successful artists to vest some of their copyrights in a central fund. The royalties would then be used to support young artists. "The stars and bestsellers of today could help bring forward the stars and bestsellers of tomorrow," he said.

THEATRE: David Farr pays tribute to cinema through his 'play with film'; plus an unlikely Japanese hit, and Lepage's multimedia extravaganza

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Electric Cinema, W11

REPUTEDLY Britain's first purpose-built cinema, the Electric housed live performances from its beginning, though back in 1910 this was only the squint-eyed pianist adjusting the speed of his fingers to the hurtling chariots of the first *Quo Vadis?*. For live actors you would have had to go down to the theatres of Shepherds Bush, or nowadays up the Portobello Road to the Gate at Notting Hill.

It is the Gate that is currently breathing a sort of life into the Electric, to celebrate the first hundred years of moving pictures with a show that combines play and film. But the excerpts from a film purporting to be a 1948 Hollywood epic, directed by Ben Hopkins, add little to the unfolding drama, and while the sequence of screen tests is amusing, the famous director's memory of a 1914 silent, though neatly pastiched (Hopkins again), identifies the heart of his mystery in a manner obscure enough to make *Citizen Kane* seem a banal narrative exercise.

David Farr's "play with film" imagines an exiled German director of the Fritz Lang type, even down to the black eyepatch. Max Klapper is looking for the actress of his dreams, physically like the silent star who played opposite him when he himself was an actor. Back in 1914 he lost the girl to the other man, and seemingly struck out one of his eyes in despair: now he will create his revenge.

His secret gradually emerges through a fairly familiar tale of dictatorial genius battling with philistine producer (nice performance by Jim Dunk). Anthony Higgins makes Klapper look and sound an entirely credible figure, obsessed, uncompromising. But though many a film director has played God, I never believed in the power of Klapper's obsession.

Farr's production contains many incidental pleasures, though Emily Lloyd, in her first stage role, is hard to hear when her voice drops. Tracy Letts, better known over here as the author of the murderous *Killer Joe*, plays her co-star, more persuasive in the 1914 pastiche than in the 1940s Oscar-winner. Samantha Holland is splendid as the crystal-voiced PA with her own secret.

In fairness to Farr's enterprise there is one moment that could only be shown effectively by using film, when Klapper walks over to the screen, like Noel Coward in *The Italian Job*, and finds what he wants in an unintended detail. But as a whole, the show is never the celebration of cinema I had hoped for.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MARILYN KINGWILL

A Forties star is born: Emily Lloyd and Anthony Higgins

Nasty oriental business

Fair Ladies at a Game of Poem Cards
Cottesloe

FOR A time, I expected an awful ersatz evening in *Mikado*-era Japan. The programme told me that *Fair Ladies* was Peter Oswald's attempt to recreate in "unrhyming pentameters" a puppet play by the 18th-century dramatist Chikamatsu. The well of the Cottesloe (in its narrow, open-plan mode for the occasion) began to fill with British actors wearing plaits, gowns, Samurai swords and scowls. The first speaking characters were the Moon, a lady in a white gown, and the Titmouse, a small boy inscrutably carrying a birdcage. "*Blood Wedding* meets Beatrix Potter," muttered the friend behind me.

We were mostly wrong. This is one of the National's more improbable raids on the world's dramatic archives, but also one of its more rewarding. Though Oswald's unrhyming pentameters can veer disconcertingly from the lapidary to the feathery, he has a strong story to tell and a fascinatingly odd world to evoke. Think of Victorian England, Golden-Age Spain, Neo-Classical France — but no, each seems like laid-back California beside the fiercely honourable and hierarchical Japan that the authors are describing.

This is a world in which Samurai ferociously quarrel about whether they belong to grade four or five, are happy to commit suicide for such faults as letting a bird out of a cage, rejoice when their master is kind enough personally to behead them, and, of course, regard the very thought of disobedience with moral horror. And the same rigidity extends from the human to the divine. Fail to disembowel yourself on cue, and you may be reincarnated not even as a spider, but as a tic.

Part of the point seems to be that such a world is peculiarly vulnerable to an Iago, and it gets a splendidly nasty, devious one in the form of David Haig's Morotaka, warden of the Empress's maids of honour. He is keen to behead any erring Samurai, especially the one found in the woods with a girl who has caught his lubricious eye. Before long he is telling both the Empress (Olwen Fouéré) and her lord high brother (Colin McFarlane) that the other has ordered the execution of followers they regard as friends, and children. The consequences go on a bit long, but they involve plots, tricks, separations, wanderings, reconciliations and the other trappings of romantic folk-tales, Eastern or Western.

The characters variously come out with pastiche proverbs ("a daisy on the ground is right to mock the poppy in the magpie's beak"), airy rhetoric ("life is a dream but in the lotus flower reality begins") and contemporary plod ("we have given rein to fragmentation"). But all is happily resolved in the spirit of an Empress who tempers justice with affection and, surprisingly, even a little flexibility. If I came to shrug, I left John Crowley's resourceful production to applaud.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Shakespeare in a spin

Elsinore
Nottingham Playhouse

AFTER an abortive attempt at the Edinburgh Festival, the British premiere of Robert Lepage's one-man meditation on *Hamlet* finally happened in Nottingham on Wednesday. It is titled *Elsinore* to emphasise that it is not the whole play, and Lepage likens the project to the preliminary studies artists undertake before embarking on the painting.

The infamous technology, which prevented the Edinburgh opening, consists of a combination of screens, projections, and a central panel that can be vertical or horizontal and which has a circular revolve and an oblong opening within it. It can become the forbidding walls of the castle, a library, a casement window, a rooftop, or the deck of a ship. The set takes on a restless life of its own, which is sometimes distracting. But on a second viewing, the technology was less blinding and it was possible to concentrate on the thought behind it. Although Lepage has had great fun with this piece, he is never trivial, and the work operates on several levels.

And you cannot deny that it is a technical feat. Quite apart from the screens, revolves and hydraulics, it takes some discipline for one man to play six or more male and two female characters, while also evoking the full cast. The more so when that solitary actor is a French-Canadian. After much coaching Lepage has made great strides, but there is no mistaking how alien these rhythms are to a French speaker, and neither diction nor voice projection is Lepage's finest skill. To compensate, and to create voice changes, Lepage uses a microphone, which sometimes makes it even harder to hear him.

Elsinore is, unexpectedly, one of Lepage's most lighthearted pieces, a sort of Shakespearean *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, where much of the enjoyment comes from seeing how he transforms himself. He does use false beards, crowns and dresses, but the real personality changes come through his movements — the cross of a leg denotes quite clearly the difference between Gertrude and Claudius. Lepage is wonderfully still and composed in these switches. At the same time, all the characters are imbued with the same languid serenity, sinister in Claudius, endearing in Ophelia and melancholy in Hamlet, but ultimately suggesting that all of them are projections in Hamlet's own head. We are seeing the play through his eyes.

If *Elsinore* loses in emotion what it gains in theatrical ingenuity, Lepage acknowledges and intellectually justifies that fact. His thesis is that at the heart of Hamlet's moral crisis is a lack of passion. At every moment instinctual action caves in to analysis and intellectualising. So it is with *Elsinore*.

CLARE BAYLEY

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Dog-eared cats

Def Leppard
Dublin

"DON'T forget us, and we won't forget you," Joe Elliott told the audience at the Point towards the end of Def Leppard's first Dublin show in four years. Sadly, the words seemed more like a desperate plea than a vow of solidarity, and contained the painful truth about the veteran soft-metal gurus: their best years are behind them.

But at least they turned up. The atrocious weather prevented the scheduled support band, Terrorvision, from making it — but, bizarrely, their T-shirts were still on sale in the foyer.

Def Leppard's professed desire to be taken as seriously as the likes of R.E.M. and U2 cannot be countenanced until they earn rather than simply demand credibility. Appearing in standard rock'n'roll garb — black leather trousers, a white vest and, er, a cardigan — Elliott exhumed one staid stadium rock cliché after another without ever looking to breathe new life into them.

"We're here to rock your asses off," he announced at one point, completely devoid of irony, and before long he was off punching the air again while yet another choreographed guitar solo took shape in front of the Marshall amps.

Even if we accept the limitations of this traditionalist approach — as the band itself do, all too readily — there's still no getting away from the fact that their audience increasingly does not. A sparse attendance inevitably resulted in a devastating lack of atmosphere, and it was always going to be an uphill struggle to whip up the necessary frenzy. An acoustic interlude of more than one song would have been advisable.

That said, the crowd was appreciative of the group's efforts. Newer material from the recent *Slang* album was given an airing, but inevitably it was the bankable hits such as *Animal*, *Photograph* and *Armageddon It* that were most rousingly performed. After a gutsy *Pour Some Sugar On Me*, the calls for an encore were heartfelt. But, to be brutally honest, this was an all-too-forgettable show.

NICK KELLY

Marginal response

Clive Gregson
Jazz Cafe, NW1

ONE of Britain's most cultured singer-songwriters returns to London and the Jazz Café is markedly under-attended for the occasion. One hardly knows whether to smile at the opportunity to catch up with Clive Gregson or to cry at such a lukewarm response.

In fine form whatever the turnout, Gregson himself has gone for the former option. A veteran of the post-punk music scene of the late Seventies with his rock group Any Trouble, he spent the Eighties reshaping himself into a respected, folk-inclining acoustic performer.

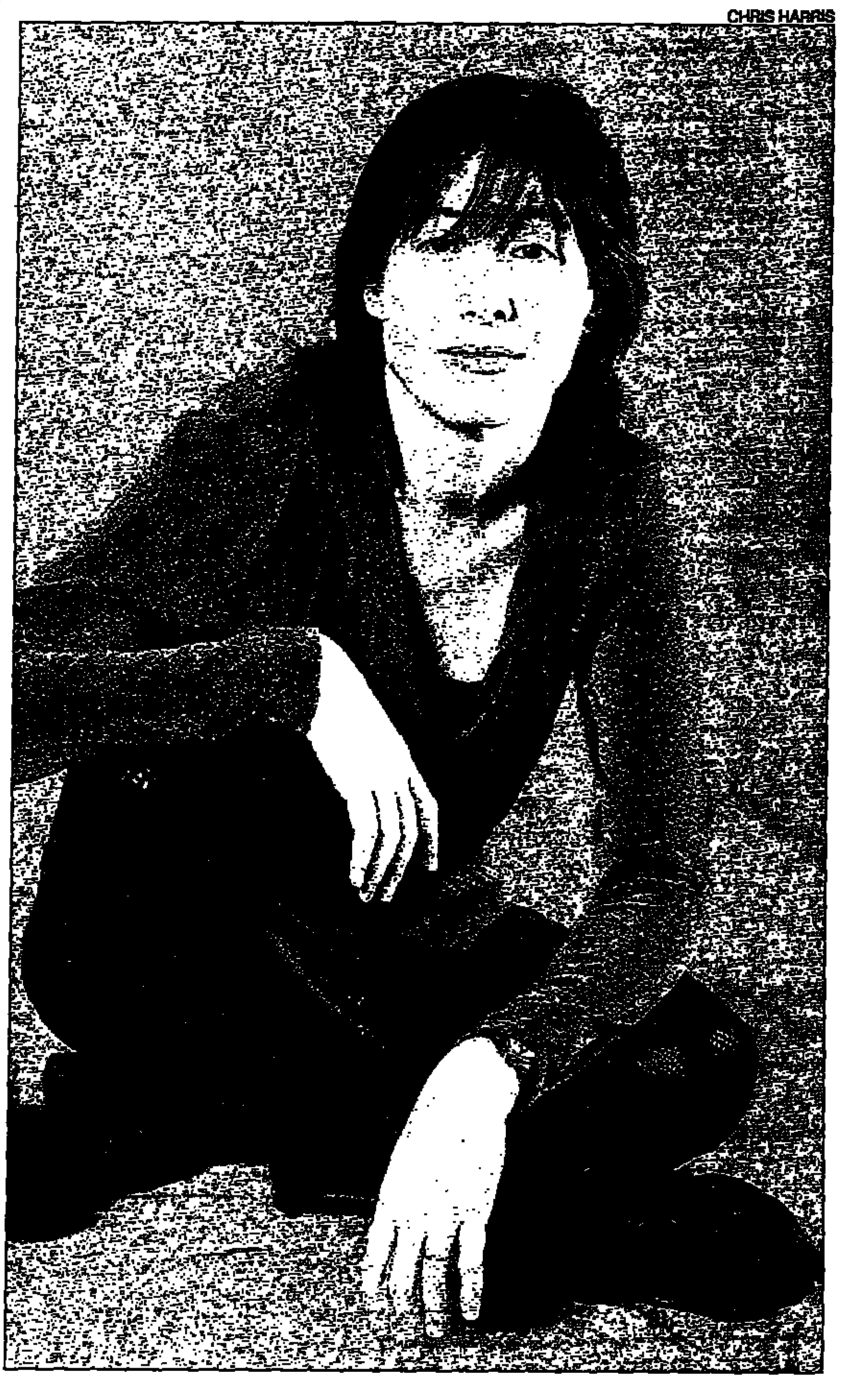
He now resides in Nashville, and it is tempting to say that it was this country's marginalisation of such artists that drove him away. His return for a 19-date solo tour marks the release of his latest album for Demon, *I Love This Town*, another cluster of poignant commentaries on love and loss. The album was the framework for a warming evening, with upbeat pieces of rock'n'roll whimsy such as *Geography* and *Secondhand Car* conveyed just as well on acoustic guitar as the delicate and lovelorn *Things I Didn't Do* and *Ramshackle Road*. Gregson's unforced, self-effacing humour was working well too, as he introduced the new album's *Love Casts A Long Shadow* as "a song I wrote for The Beatles . . . six months ago". A cover of Take That's *Back For Good* was an unexpected pleasure, as was *Fred Astaire*, one of a number of new Gregson songs.

And for those of us who fought in the power-pop wars in the Eighties, it was a delight to hear him disinter Any Trouble's *All The Time in the World*, and, as encores, *Touch and Go* and their old rallying call, *Open Fire*. He may work in the margins, but Gregson's contribution continues to fill the page.

PAUL SEXTON

Where has Michelle Shocked been lately? Playing star wars, she tells **Nigel Williamson**

Look who's back in charge



CHRIS HARRIS

Michelle Shocked: back in Britain and back in full control of her music

Clashes between the corporate and the creative have long been a part of the music industry. Few such struggles, however, have been more bitter than the one involving Michelle Shocked. For almost four years, Mercury, the company to which the American singer was contracted, refused even to speak to her. Then she issued a law suit citing the 13th amendment to the American Constitution, the one which abolished "slavery and involuntary servitude". Shocked has just won both the case and complete control over her career and artistic direction.

"People might say I'm difficult, but did you ever hear anyone describe a label as difficult?" she says. "By nature, artists should challenge. When they call you difficult it is a reflection of the imbalance of power.

"The corporate culture is based on intimidation. They had very narrow expectations of what I should do. It never occurred to me that business people and lawyers could try to define art."

After releasing three successful albums of witty, intelligent songs between 1988 and 1992, songs that drew deeply on the folk traditions of American music, Shocked decided she wanted to do something different. "Actually I planned to have a nervous breakdown and from the ashes of that find my true voice," she says. "Then I proposed a funky rhythm and blues album."

The record company president asked for an acoustic album. Shocked refused: her existing contract purportedly gave her control over artistic content. Compromises were made, Shocked submitted a modified proposal and was all ready to record a new album in late 1992 — when she was told that the studio would not allow her in. The record company was still not happy and would not pay for the studio time. She was effectively being prevented from recording, but at the same time the company would not allow her to sign for anyone else.

She spent the next three years touring — "keeping in touch with my audience" — and then her lawyers hit upon the idea of using the anti-slavery amendment. Shocked employed Leigh Steinberg, one of the biggest names in American law who had helped to bring about the free agency of sports stars. The case potentially had huge repercussions and other labels started telling Mercury that it could not be allowed to reach court. In the settlement Shocked was freed and has signed to a more sympathetic label.

> ‘I could call this the victory tour’

The result is a staggeringly fine new album, *Kind Hearted Woman*, full of desperately moving songs about hard-luck characters from the American backwoods. Several reviewers have described it as bleak, but they have missed the point. True, the stories are often harrowing — about a stillborn child, a hit-and-run killing, a boy who watches his father struck by lightning. But, in the best Steinbeck tradition of American story-telling, Shocked's empathy for these characters means that the songs become a celebration of the human spirit, showing the extraordinary qualities of ordinary people when put under almost intolerable pressure. "There's a very frail human being telling these stories and there are melodramatic metaphors to talk about my own frustration," she says.

Shocked, a name she adopted when she ran away from her Mormon parents at 15, refuses to exult over her legal success. "I could call this the victory tour and pose as the David who conquered Goliath. But that is not what the heart and the soul are about. Now I'm free I just want to move on."

She thinks, however, that her case means "a sea change" in which artists everywhere are going to demand greater control over their intellectual property.

Shocked is not only magnanimous in victory, but artistic freedom has made her more relaxed about other areas of her life. She still burns with integrity, but can now talk about her strange upbringing more openly than for years. She admits that she still has not come to terms with being raised by "a wild bunch of Mormons", but is at an age where she is thinking about having children herself. "That means for the first time I can understand the viewpoint of the 15-year-old girl I was and that of my mother who was 34 when I left. Having kids means you have a little bit of spiritual real estate, you've invested in the destiny of the planet."

At this rate she might even have to change her name again — although Michelle Mellowed doesn't have quite the same ring.

- *Kind Hearted Woman is released by BMG. Michelle Shocked plays Shepherds Bush Empire on Monday*

Tail-end to a mad night

CAITLIN MORAN

Exhausted, bittersweet regret is one of the most evocative moods that music can follow: informed by the previous high, but sumptuously dark and rich from the subsequent low. The Aloof are masters of this wasted grandeur. Their second album, *Sinking*, makes *Screamadelica* by Primal Scream sound as if it was recorded in mono by monks. It's the music of people who make a night out last a week, and spend the following week in recovery. Their reputation precedes them like a "Parental Warning" sticker on a CD: tour buses end in ditches, quiet Swedish chalets are turned into booming, strobe-lit dens of iniquity, and last night a dog got dragged into the fun.

Dean explains: "The dog had one end of the bone, and I had the other end in my mouth. I was just playing with him. He looked so friendly and cuddly."

"It was an alsatian," Ricky adds, "but it seemed to like him."

The Aloof's references are as wide and ranging as their music: sitting in no particular genre, they mash dub, blues, dance hall, techno and drama into a queasily moreish brew that's imbued with CinemaScopic regret. Their last year was spent in "research".

They listened to the last Spiritualized LP a lot, Jagz says, sipping on his orange juice. "Colourbox. Chi-Lites. The Specials. The soundtrack to *Last of the Mohicans*. Loads of dub. Touring with Spiritualized gets you into that circular, mantra-ish way of thinking — building up layers until things get double-strong. Our last LP was more disjointed — there was a big break between recording each half, and we changed our sound a lot in the interim."

"Also, the lyrics were politically based on the last album," Ricky says. "A lot of the dance music around at that time was 'We're so happy, we're all dancing', and we reacted against that."

"But this album is much more personal," Dean says. "And the tracks flow into each other really well. The sound is more cohesive."

"It's like a soundtrack to the tail-end of the maddest night ever," Ricky puts in. "And there's a lot of minor chords."

"Minor chords are fantastic — they allow you to indulge in that macabre feeling. It's like stopping by car-crashes. You feel sad or sick, but afterwards you feel very alive," Dean enthuses. "And minor-chord records are intensely personal," Ricky puts in. "You can't really share a hugely sad record with anyone else. It has to be just you, your headphones and the 'Repeat' button."

The Aloof's new single, *One Night Stand*, demands that you listen to it alone, strapped into headphones and hunched over the "Repeat" button all night. It brings to mind the scene in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* when Richard Dreyfuss is sucked up, through a tunnel of white light, into the glittering gold interior of the mothership. It's very *big*, and verging on the edge of collapse. The 32-piece orchestra adds that *Day in the Life* vibe of chaotic, speeding horror, and the lyrics see Ricky wailing that he "Feels nothing at all/I feel no shame . . . and, er, what was her name?"

Ricky walked out on his wife and two children for a while last year, and *One Night Stand* sums up the dizzy sickness and fear a stranger's bed arouses. Radio 1 is playing it like mad at the moment, and whatever's played either side of it sounds tinny and cheap and entirely crushable.

"The one thing we all agree on is that we can't sound like anyone else," Dean says, which is a prime band cliché, but also true in the Aloof's case. "We'll play a track over and over again, and really live with it, and if it reminds us of anyone else we'll scrap it."

The Aloof are moving into a league that contains the Aloof and no one else. The next album promises to be astonishing. In the meantime, there's the magnificence of *One Night Stand* and *Sinking* to keep us going.

- *One Night Stand is released on East West Records on Monday. Sinking is still available*

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POP ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** salutes the artist recently known as duff on his three-hour-long return to superstar form

PRINCE
Emancipation
(NPG/EMI 7243 8 549820: three CDs £19.99)

HE MAY be the most prolific superstar in the history of pop, but as Prince enters a new phase of his career with his first record for EMI, his stock is at a low ebb. His previous album, *Chaos and Disorder*, a desultory kiss-off to his former record company, has sold fewer than 40,000 copies in Britain, a dismal result for an artist of his stature.

As public interest has waned, so the media has tired of pandering to the little man's identity crises and crass promotional ploys. Not the best moment then, you would think, to chance his arm with a grandiose triple CD, ominously titled *Emancipation* and promising "three hours of love, sex and liberty". Frankly, it looks as if he's been given enough rope to hang himself, with slack to spare.

But, against the odds, slack is one thing this album is not. Gone for the most part is the empty braggadocio and slapdash production that have marred his output in recent years. Instead, along with the complex horn parts, barbershop soul harmonies and multiple layers of percussive activity, there is a return to the inventive vitality that used to be taken for granted.

There are sultry, pleading ballads, such as *Soul Sanctuary* and *Saviour*; uptempo dance tracks, notably a sensational electro-funk groove called *New World*; affectionate cover versions of hits by the Stylistics (*Betcha By Golly Wow!*), the Delfonics (*La, La, La Means I Love U*) and Joan Osborne (*One of Us*); and a handful of badass rap tracks, the heaviest being *Face Down*.

While musically there is little he has not tackled before, there are some stunning moments, as on *Slave*, where he harnesses a murky drumbeat to a 1990s-style cottonfield chant of "They just keep trying to break my heart". And there are signs of a growing maturity in his lyrics. *Let's Have A Baby* marks the first time he has looked beyond the mechanics to the consequences of sex, and, despite the self-pitying tone of *White Mansion* and *Damned If I Do*, they are two of several songs that offer an honest reflection of events in his life, instead of the usual voyeuristic fantasies.

Although it is a lot to swallow, *Emancipation* is anything but the self-indulgent mess we might have expected. Never mind the quantity, enjoy the depth.

CHRIS REA
La Passione
(East West 0630-16695 £13.99)

A COMPLETE departure from the adult-orientated rock for which Chris Rea is known, *La Passione* is a quaintly orchestrated film score, which tells the semi-autobiographical tale of a young boy enchanted by the glamorous world of motor racing. Rea's guitar is left at home and his lugubrious drawl becomes a lugubrious croon, assisted by the more forceful tones of Shirley Bassey on *Shirley do you own a Ferrari?* and "*Disco*" *La Passione*.

An album that conjures up images of grainy black-and-white movies on Sunday afternoon TV, the idea works thanks to Rea's obvious and unswerving devotion to his theme, and the refreshing lack of ironic pretensions so frequently associated with latterday excursions into this kind of music.

SNOOP DOGGY DOGG
Tha Doggfather
(Death Row/Interscope INTD-90038 £13.49)

DEDICATED "in loving memory" of rap star Tupac Shakur, shot dead in September, *Tha Doggfather* is another loathsome celebration of the black American thug lifestyle set to a cool, shuffling hip hop beat. Dogg delivers his casual exhortations to violence in a thin, weaselly voice that only seems to underpin the menace in his heart. The chilling effect is compounded by *audio verité* snippets of news reportage of his own murder trial, and the obligatory gunshot sounds, something of a gangsta rap cliché these days.

It would be reassuring to think that this was all an immature, macho fantasy, but events suggest otherwise. If there is no longer any dividing line between art and reality, isn't it about time people like Dogg, with all his influence, tried to change both for the better?

MIKE HENDERSON & THE BLUEBLOODS
First Blood
(Dead Reckoning/BMG £13.49)

ALTHOUGH based in Nashville, where he has a day job playing studio sessions with the likes of Emmylou Harris, John Hiatt and Hank Williams Jr, the singer and guitarist Mike Henderson is clearly a blues disciple at heart.

Recorded "live in the studio" over just two days, *First Blood* recalls the 1960s heyday of white boys with electric blues guitars: John Mayall's Bluesbreakers with Eric Clapton, Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac, the first Chicken Shack album and vintage Johnny Winter all spring to mind.

Of course, that was then and this is now, and it has all been done a million times since then. But there is still a timeless magic that informs these educated, hard-hitting versions of songs by Otis Spann (*Bloody Murder*), Howlin' Wolf (*How Many More Years*), Elmore James (*Mean Mistreater*), Hound Dog Taylor (*Give Me Back My Wig*) and others.

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Who put the dip in the dipdidipdidip?

Vocal group music, or doo wop, the name it was given for the nonsense "doo wop, doo wop" vocal choruses on hundreds of records, is, like baseball, a particularly American institution that never appeared to travel that well.

Based on the four-part harmonies created by groups such as the Ink Spots and the Mills Brothers in the 1930s and 1940s, but given a rhythm and blues and sometimes gospel tinge, it proved hugely popular with black audiences in America before crossing over into the pop charts with groups like the Platters and the Drifters. It also inspired a generation of white groups such as Dion and the Belmonts and the Four Seasons.

Like many homegrown and regional styles of American popular music it all came crashing down after the arrival of the Beatles, although by that time many of the black groups were embracing the more up-to-date rhythms of soul music.

Dead, then, but not forgotten. In the years since, the interest in doo wop has increased not only in America but, surprisingly, in Europe — home of many recent re-issues.

For those new to the genre, the best place to start is the recently released **Doo Wop Box 2** (Rhino R2/R4 72507), a four-CD, 101-track trawl through the best of the music, which follows on from the pioneering *Box 1* issued a few years back. It starts with the former gospel group, the Larks, tackling *My Reverie* (which bears the intriguing composer credits of Larry Clinton/ Claude Debussy) from 1951 and ends with the Italian/American group the Classics and *Till Then*, a Top 20 hit in America in 1963.

In between there is everything from the original Leiber and Stoller hit, *Smokey Joe's Cafe*, by the Robins, the falsetto and catchy *Peanuts* by Little Joe & the Thrillers and perhaps the best ever pop version of *Stormy Weather* by the Chicago group, the Spaniels.

For those who want to delve further, Dee-Jay Records, a German company, has unleashed two volumes of Philadelphia doo wop: **Swan Masters Vol 1** (DJ-CD 55038) and **Vol 2** (DJ-CD 55039) which includes tracks like *Amazons and Coyotes* by the Dreamlovers, a group whose biggest claim to fame was that they sang behind Chubby Checker on the million-selling *The Twist* — but never got the credit for it.

Meanwhile, in Britain the doo wop torch is held firmly by Ace Records, whose latest offering, **Vocal Groups Coast to Coast** (Ace CDCHD 594) includes some rarely heard early tracks by the New York groups, the Mello Moods and the Cabineers, as well as some New Orleans and Los Angeles cuts including the Sonny Bono-penned *Can It Be*, by the Titans.

JOHN CLARKE

The fabulous Ink Spots, spiritual fathers of doo wop

Tunes off the screen

JAZZ ALBUMS

ANDY SHEPPARD/ STEVE LODDER
Moving Image
(Verve 533 875-2)

ALTHOUGH all the material on this album was originally written for TV — ten pieces for *The Peter Sellers Story*, the remaining two for a documentary on the much-travelled, 18th-century African musician Joseph Emidy — the music it contains is more than strong enough to stand alone.

The rapport between saxophonist Andy Sheppard and keyboard player Steve Lodder is so powerful that, Sheppard's trademark gently Latinate tenor-led wafts apart, their compositions are becoming increasingly difficult to differentiate.

The Sellers-inspired music here is appropriately rich in textural and emotional variety, ranging from dark tenor brooding over slightly sinister synthesised washes, through woozy melancholia to outright jauntiness, conveyed by Sheppard's pure, nimble soprano and Lodder's rippling piano.

The central duo is joined by a rhythm section for some selections, and by violinist Johnny "Ice" Taylor on the Emidy pieces. But it is Sheppard's ability to conjure up haunting, evocative tenor sounds, buoyed by Lodder's facility in choosing the precise keyboard texture to showcase them, that makes this album so unequivocally listenable.

JACK WALRATH AND HARD CORPS
Journey, Man!
(Evidence ECD 22150-2)

THE nine compositions by the American trumpeter Jack Walrath on this passionate but informal-sounding album reflect not only his eclectic listening — he possesses 20,000 albums ranging from Albinoni to Cage and the ODJB to Ornette — but also his experience with leaders as diverse as Ray Charles and Muhal Richard Abrams.

The sextet assembled here — New York's finest: saxophonists Craig Handy and Bobby Watson, pianist Kenny Drew Jr, bassist Ray Drummond and drummer Victor Lewis — is given its head throughout and responds magnificently, with Watson in particular contributing a number of blistering alto solos.

Many of Walrath's pieces are clearly indebted, particularly in their mood and tempo changes, to those of his most famous employer, Charles Mingus. But overall this is an intensely personal album packed with gutsy, tight originals played by all concerned with great verve.

CHRIS PARKER

Coterie of many colours

JAZZ GIG

Rare Music Club
Arnolfini, Bristol

THE Rare Music Club is the brainchild of pianist Keith Tippett, its mission to combine contemporary compositions, traditional folk music and freely improvised jazz, and explore the cross-currents between them. Although there have been long gaps between concerts, its renaissance at the Arnolfini was marked by some exceptional playing and the premier of a new jazz suite for octet by saxophonist Paul Dunmall.

One effect of the Club's existence is that it has created audiences that are open-minded enough to concentrate intently across genres. "You can hear the audience listening," said Andrew Ball, the classical pianist who opened the programme with some brief fragments by Howard Skempton, before tackling Thomas Armstrong's *The Dance Maze*, a rugged rhythmic landscape of uncompromising modernism that prepared the ground for the contemplation of Vassily Lobanov's *Ode to Grass*.

Ball created an atmosphere of quiet intimacy in the large performance space and effectively prepared his audience for the acoustic folk music of Martin Carthy, Chris Wood and Roger Wilson. This trio first worked together seven years ago, but has only recently reassembled, bringing Carthy's rich knowledge of traditional song into conjunction with Wilson and Wood's exploration of the folk and morris dance instrumental repertoire.

Their songs flow seemlessly from one to another, and lyrics about long-ago arranged marriages, drowning miller's daughters and gibbets, all decked out in minor keys, maintained the rapport between performer and audience established by Ball, despite a radical difference in style.

The loud, jagged, bombast that opened Dunmall's *Desire and Liberation* suite threatened to destroy the mood. With reeds and brass at full stretch, thrashing drums from Tony Levin and an amplified howl from Paul Rogers's bass, the contrast was startling. An impassioned solo from Dunmall and an angular trombone duo from Annie Whitehead and Chris Bridges initially suggested that the compositional element was a thin framework for extended free improvisation.

Then, after a bass solo of great skill and complexity, there was a dramatic change. The brass and reeds intoned like a gospel choir. Skip Liddington preached a trumpet solo over the top, before the horns fell back and Tippett produced a magnificent piano solo, mixing techniques, but never losing the gospel feeling.

The suite marks Dunmall's arrival as a band leader and composer in his own right, and the platform of the Rare Music Club emphasised his connections to a wide range of currents in contemporary music.

ALYN SHIPTON

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

A CELEBRATION OF IRA GERSHWIN: Larry Adler, Sarah Brightman and Michael Praed are among the musical theatrical stars celebrating the centenary of the birth of the great American lyricist.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Sunday, 8pm. Ⓢ

AUDI JUNIOR MUSICIAN 1996 CONCERTO FINAL: The tenth anniversary of this national competition for 12- to 16-year-old instrumentalists reaches the grand finale with the four young finalists each playing a concerto performance with the London Philharmonic. The conductor is Howard Shelley.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow, 7pm.

SUNDAY ON THE SOUTH BANK: Austrian-Jewish culture is celebrated with a day of **Melody and Song from Vienna**. Highlights include a film about Leopold Kozlowski, stand-up comedy from David Hirsch and a concert by the Vienna Boys Choir. Meanwhile, at 7.30pm in the Festival Hall, there will be a rare chance to hear a recital by the Italian pianist **Maurizio Pollini** who will be playing four of Beethoven's sonatas.
South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Sunday, various times and venues.

ELSEWHERE

ALDEBURGH: The first of four late autumn concerts at Snape Maltings can be heard this weekend before the concert hall closes for a three-month refurbishment. Tomorrow (7.30pm), Alexander Ingram will conduct the Britten-Pears Orchestra in Schubert's Overture in D and Bruckner's expansive Second Symphony. Alison Hayhurst will play Mozart's sparkling Flute Concerto. On Sunday (Jubilee Hall, 3pm) the five finalists of the Britten-Pears Orchestra Concerto Competition will play extracts from their chosen concertos before a panel of judges. The remaining concerts are on November 29 and December 1.
Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Suffolk (01728 453543).

BLACKPOOL: David Freeman directs Opera Factory in his innovative production of Mozart's exotic fairytale **The Magic Flute**, which takes its inspiration from the circus: a kaleidoscope of comedy, illusion, drama and physical theatre. Sung in English.
Grand, Church Street (01253 28372). Sunday and Monday, 7.15pm.

GLASGOW: The young Russian pianist Anya Alexeyev joins the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra** for Grieg's Piano Concerto, which is sandwiched between Sibelius's *Tapiola* and Symphony No 7.
Royal Concert Hall, 2 Sauchiehall St (0141-287 5511). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

LEEDS: **Peter Pan**, a pantomime favourite, flies in for the festive season. Matthew Warchus's acclaimed adaptation of J.M. Barrie's classic adventure story stars John Padden, with Mark Hadfield, Una Stubbs and Monica Dolan. Illusions by Paul Kieve.
Quarry, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Playhouse Square (0113-244 2111). Previews begin tonight, 7pm. Opens December 2, 5pm. Until January 18.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Erwin Blumenfeld: A Fetish for Beauty (0171-638 4141) . . **Camden Arts Centre**: Richard Tuttle: Grey Walls Work; Itinerant Texts (0171-435 2643) . . **Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design**: Foundation Show (0171-514 7000) . . **Curwen**: H.-Dieter Pietsch "Junctures": Recent Works (0171-636 1459) . . **Dulwich Picture**: Thirteen Contemporary Artists Teachers at the Dulwich Foundation Schools (0181-693 5254) . . **Kapil Jariwala**: Jade Jagger, Paintings (0171-437 2172) . . **National**: Associate Artist: Peter Blake (0171-747 2885) . . **National Portrait**: John Kobal Photographic Portrait Award 1996 (0171-306 0055) . . **Tate**: The 1996 Turner Prize Exhibition (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A**: American Photography 1890-1965 (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **THE BELLE VUE**: Greed and rage in a curious 1920s hotel, tart early comedy by Odön von Horvath, never seen before in Britain, and presented by Actors Touring Company. Nick Philippou directs a cast headed by Ann Firbank.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat, 4.30pm.

☐ **CASH ON DELIVERY**: Bradley Walsh in his first leading West End role in farcical panic about benefit fraud, written by Michael Cooney and directed by his dad, Ray.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm; mat Wed, 3pm.

☐ **A DOLL'S HOUSE**: Janet McTeer slams the door in Anthony Page's production of Ibsen's proto-feminist drama. Owen Teale plays her husband, with John Carlisle as Dr Rank.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **FOOL FOR LOVE**: Ian Brown directs Barry Lynch and Lorraine Ashbourne in Sam Shepard's fierce drama of love on the edge of the Mojave desert. With Gawn Grainger.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until Nov 30.

☐ **IN THE COMPANY OF MEN**: Edward Bond's directs his own new play, with Karl Johnson and John Light playing father and son corporate raiders in the City jungle.
Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7pm; mat Sat, 1.30pm. In rep.

◪ **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**: Restored theatre, revived show, the theatre after 56 years, the show back to celebrate its 25th anniversary.
Lyceum, Wellington Street, WC2 (0171-656 1807, booking fee). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE LEGEND OF PERICLES**: James Roose-Evans directs his adaptation of Shakespeare's late play, a tale of shipwreck, search and discovery. Justin Butcher (Richie Valens in *Buddy*) plays the hero.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2255). Tue-Sun, 8pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm.

■ **THE OEDIPUS PLAYS**: Alan Howard in the title role of *Oedipus the King* and *Oedipus at Colonus*. Peter Hall directs a translation by Ranjit Bolt.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7pm; mat Sat, 1.30pm. In rep.

■ **THE WEAVERS**: Fascinating bear-pit staging of Hauptmann's famous naturalistic drama. Ends tomorrow.
Gate, Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

☐ **WHAT THE HEART FEELS**: Julia Peasgood and Paul Shelley head a large cast in a new play by the admirable Stephen Bill. Sam Walters directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Last performances tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS

■ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Criterion (0171-369 1737) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) ◪ **Grease**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

AMERICAN BUFFALO (15): A powerful adaptation of David Mamet's play about small-time hustlers, with Dustin Hoffman and Dennis Franz. Director, Michael Corrente.
Metro (0171-437 0757)

GABBEH: Beautiful, poetic Iranian film about nomadic carpet weavers. Director, Mohsen Makhmalbaf.
ICA Ⓢ (0171-930 3647)

KANSAS CITY (15): Too much artifice in Robert Altman's tale of crime and jazz in 1930s Kansas City. With Jennifer Jason Leigh, Miranda Richardson and Harry Belafonte.
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Everyman** Ⓢ (0171-435 1525)

◆ **MR RELIABLE** (15): Petty criminal becomes folk hero in late-1960s Sydney. Engaging Aussie comedy with Colin Friels and Jacqueline McKenzie.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Barbican** Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

THE SUNCHASER (15): A teenage criminal and uptight doctor embark on a journey of discovery. Pretentious road movie, with Woody Harrelson, Jon Seda.
Virgin Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **THE FIRST WIVES CLUB** (PG): Comedy about vengeful Manhattan wives, with juicy parts for Diane Keaton, Bette Midler and Goldie Hawn.
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◆ **THE ISLAND OF DR MOREAU** (12): Part-silly, part-nasty adaptation of H.G. Wells's tale, with Marlon Brando, Val Kilmer and David Thewlis.
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◆ **MICHAEL COLLINS** (15): Action ousts politics in Neil Jordan's epic. With Liam Neeson as the Irish revolutionary.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **TRUE BLUE** (15): *Chariots of Fire* on the River Thames: a conventional account of the 1987 mutiny among Oxford's boat race team.
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PUBLIC ART: **Judith Chernaik** on a stunning new memorial fountain in Sussex

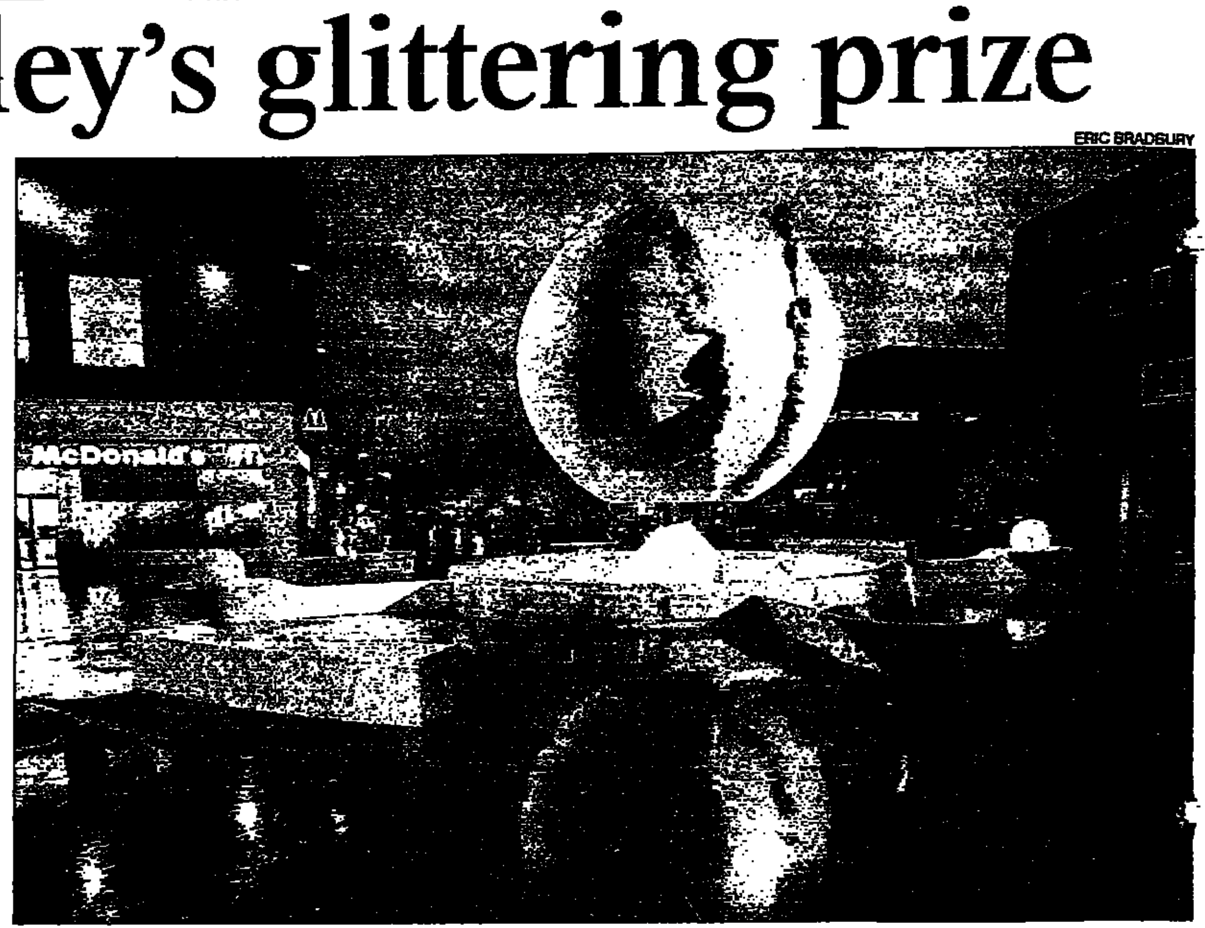
Shelley's glittering prize

Dust to the dust! but the pure spirit shall flow/Back to the burning fountain whence it came . . .

So Shelley wrote of Keats in *Adonais*. Now Shelley's spirit, too, has been returned to its place of birth (the ancient Sussex market town of Horsham) in the form of water, six and a half tons of it, circulating through an astonishing fountain sculpture by Angela Conner called *Rising Universe*.

Dominating the Shelley fountain is a giant translucent fibreglass sphere encased in a lava-like crust that curls back jaggedly from the surface; below the sphere, water channels feed east, west, north and south into stone basins on which four "satellite" spheres dance and twirl. The mysterious opening lines of Shelley's *Mont Blanc* are inscribed on the plinth:

The everlasting universe of things
Flows through the mind, and rolls its rapid waves,
Now dark — now glittering — now reflecting gloom —
Now lending splendour, where from secret springs
The source of human thought its tribute brings
Of waters . . .



ERIC BRADSURY

Angela Conner's Shelley Fountain in Horsham is grand in scale, simple in form and open to sky and public

It is hard to imagine a more appropriate memorial for a poet whose imagery is full of rivers, fountains, seas and natural cycles, and who celebrated above all man's power to imagine and therefore to change his world.

The entire town of Horsham turned out on a freezing November night for the inauguration. The journalist Paul Foot declaimed Shelley's *Mask of Anarchy*, exhorting the people of England to avenge the Peterloo massacre: *"Rise like lions after slumber/In unvanquishable number/Shake your chains to earth like dew/Ye are many, they are few."* As the gowned pupils of Christ's Hospital played a brass fanfare, the chairman of the Fountain Society cut cords holding up four green silk banners. The great sphere released a few hesitant rivulets and descended slowly on its column. Water flowed, stopped, flowed again, gushed forth ("I know several ladies of Horsham who could do better," said a retired school teacher afterwards at the pub). The water cycle finished to a symphonic interlude by Martyn Harry, a local composer; the sphere rose halfway up its column, and the assembled multitudes burst into applause. Fireworks scattered a flock of starlings. The public drifted back to their cars and comfortable homes, for Horsham enjoys one of the highest per capita incomes in the country, low unemployment, excellent schools, and a model low-income housing policy.

The background is instructive. Four years ago, Sainsbury's won its battle to site a new superstore smack in the centre of town; in return, under its 1 per cent "Arts for All" policy, the company gave more than £100,000 to the district council for a work of public art. After much debate, the council agreed to commission a memorial to the town's most famous son.

Shelley was the least provincial of poets, and there are few references to his home or early childhood in his works. But the Shelley Fountain has an importance far beyond its local connections. It is a model of its kind, a reminder of the past which is itself wonderfully evocative. As a memorial it is in strongest possible contrast to the 1893 Shelley memorial in Oxford: a marble effigy of a naked drowned youth, enshrined in a sanctum of University College: quasi-religious homage to the poet expelled for writing *The Necessity of Atheism*.

The Horsham fountain is grand in scale, simple in form, open to the sky, and — most important — open to the public. The fountain should enter public life as a meeting place and a talking point, a source of pleasure and pride for generations — and it may well exert a beneficent influence for change. One imagines the neon-lit McDonald's and the other undistinguished buildings framing the square disappearing under the serene influence of flowing water and spinning worlds. Public art of this stature is a rare thing.

A stylish renaissance

CONCERT

RPO/Gatti
Albert Hall

THE fortunes of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra have been somewhat mixed over recent years, to say the least. Now under new management, and with the inspiring Daniele Gatti at the helm, the orchestra is playing with a new confidence that bodes well for the future.

The annual Royal Concert at the Albert Hall in aid of the Musicians Benevolent Fund and other musical charities, and attended by the Queen, was the occasion for some stylish playing. The first half offered a taut, dramatic account of Beethoven's *Coriolan Overture*, followed by a similarly impressive one of the same composer's *Emperor Concerto*. Rhythms were muscular, yet supple enough to allow the soloist, Stephen Kovacevich, to rhapsodise in the more reflective passages.

After the interval, Ian Wallace outlined the work of the fund and suggested we make the informative programme our bedtime reading. That proved to be good advice, since the darkened auditorium made it impossible to see even titles of pieces, let alone the text of Richard Rodney Bennett's *Sonnet Sequence*. The latter was, in fact, a selection of three Shakespearean sonnets concerned with the passing of time, and inspiring an eloquent score. Adrian Thompson was the sensitive tenor soloist, alert to the shifting emotions and underlying fragility of the music.

From the balcony seat I was allocated, it was not easy to determine matters of balance in Richard Strauss's *Don Juan*. But everything seemed to be in order, and both the solos of the tender central episode and the succulent string textures of the latter section were excellently realised.

Strauss's *Fanfare der Stadt Wien* was also given a rousing performance by the massed brass players of the Royal Military School of Music and the Royal Artillery Band, but it was the other Strauss, Johann II, whose *Die Fledermaus* overture ended the programme: a deliciously phrased reading, with lilting rubato and accompaniment figures lightly touched in.

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CRICKET

Simpson launches scathing attack on English game

Alan Lee finds that retirement has not mellowed the former Australia coach

The thunderstorms that assaulted Brisbane yesterday might just have been Bob Simpson having his say. For the first time in a decade, a Test series in this country was about to begin without Simpson in charge of the Australia team, and he was never likely to let the moment pass quietly.

Simpson was removed from office as Australia coach after the World Cup in March. He did not want to go — indeed, he had made a detailed written case for a new contract to take him beyond the Ashes series next summer — and now, with predictably opportunist timing, he has published a provocative book.

A forthright man, ambitious and uncompromising, Simpson made enemies during his ten years as coach and he acknowledges it without apology. His book, *The Reason Why*, is not the placatory good-natured gesture of a retired 60-year-old and none who know him would expect it to be. To those who disliked his style, his answer is blunt. "So what? My job was to help restore Australian cricket, not to win popularity contests."

He is also sharply conscious of the many who resented his undeniable triumphs. "They have publicly announced their delight at the success of the Australian team and privately seethed at the thought that Simmo might get some of the credit. Hard luck."

Simpson, a recent addition to the panel of international match referees, claims he was never given an adequate reason for his dismissal by the Australian Cricket Board other than it was time for a change. "This seems pretty shallow reasoning to me," he said, and of his replacement, Geoff Marsh, he added: "I fear that he has been handed a very demanding job two years before he is ready for it."

It is doubtful whether this offends Marsh, to whom Simpson is otherwise generous in his praise, and yet on the eve of his first home series as coach, against West Indies starting today, the new man took a step back by withdrawing from regular press conferences, deliberately lowering his profile in a way that his predecessor would never willingly have done.

Humility was not a striking trait of Simpson the coach, as his book reflects. Amid the bluster of self-justification, however, there always was a sharp, analytical mind, one of the finest cricketing brains of his generation.

So when Simpson reviews the state of the English game and considers it risible, he cannot lightly be dismissed. Simpson coached Australia in five series against England and won the last four of them. He also spent two summers in county cricket at Leicestershire and, true to form, attracted some severely mixed reactions.

Simpson: outspoken

"There was plenty of opposition to my attitude and methods," he recalls. James Whitaker, a hero in Leicestershire after leading the county to the championship last summer, does not escape criticism, having complained that the Australian coach "wanted us all to be Test cricketers".

Simpson is scornful. "Well, fancy that. Isn't that what everyone is supposed to aspire to? James probably meant that I wanted them all to work at their game as hard as Test cricketers. And I did," he says.

Simpson's concern for the English decline stops short of sympathy. "I don't decry many teams for professional players whose standards are unjustifiably low, but I do wonder how on earth England let it happen. With their resources and tradition, they should be producing far better players than they are.

"At the moment they are obviously a bit of a 'basket case', which is sad. But it is also their own fault. The county system seems to have stuffed up badly. The overriding priority in English cricket is the welfare of the counties and, while that is understandable, it is, in the interests of the overall game, a selfish, introverted view."

He is equally scathing when he turns his sights from administrators to players. "I don't think the attitude of many county professionals does the game any favours … a high percentage of players at county level are not very good. And worse than that, they show precious little evidence of wanting to be.

"Too many cricketers are content with doing the minimum, scoring just enough runs or taking enough wickets to make sure they get a renewed contract, without any real desire to improve. Too many players accept the good life of county cricket without really stretching themselves. That attitude is going to be hard to change."

Then, intriguingly, Simpson credits this complacency to the exploits of Ian Botham. "As long as Botham could work miracles, nobody looked for any deeper flaws. And in that respect — and with no disrespect to a player I admire immensely — Botham was bad for English cricket," he says.

It is a withering denunciation of the English game, from a man who has never done other than speak his mind. Reluctant retirement has plainly not mellowed him.

MUZAMMIL PASHA

Mohammad Wasim surveys the damage after being bowled by Doull yesterday

White shows his true colours

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

AN UNBEATEN innings of 92 from Craig White helped England A into a commanding position against Victoria in Melbourne yesterday, and provided further evidence that the Yorkshire all-rounder has added a greater degree of consistency to his game.

White's England career has been in abeyance since the Trent Bridge Test against West Indies in August 1995, and Ronnie Irani and Mark Ealham have moved ahead of him in the pecking order for the Test all-rounder's spot. However, his performances since being selected for the A tour to Australia, where White received most of his cricketing education, belie the belief that he is no more than a good county player.

He has taken crucial wickets, looked one of the best batsmen in the party and contributed greatly to the touring side's success to date. After being rested for the victory over the Australian Cricket Academy in Mount Gambier, he produced undoubtedly his most impressive display to help England A to reach 231 for four at the end of a rain-hit opening day.

White had to overcome several interruptions as regular downpours forced the players off the field, yet he still hit 11 fours on his way to England A's biggest score of the tour during an innings lasting more than three hours.

More importantly, his determination helped the team to recover from another shaky start. Michael Vaughan lasted just eight overs before edging a rising delivery from David Saker to Peter Roach, the wicketkeeper, and Anthony McGrath was trapped leg-before by Damien Fleming soon afterwards.

Owais Shah was brilliantly caught at short leg by Michael Foster off Tony Dodemaide as England slumped to 59 for three, mirroring previous collapses against South Australia and the Australian Cricket Academy. However, White, who was promoted to No 4, shared a fourth-wicket partnership with Mark Butcher to put England A back in control.

The pair added 78 in 25 overs before Butcher was smartly stumped by Roach. White was dropped twice, on 45 and 85, but was still there when stumps were drawn. Aided by disciplined and dogged batting from Adam Hollioake, the unbroken fifth-wicket partnership was worth 94 runs.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A: First innings

M A Butcher st Roach b Hodge	55
M P Vaughan c Roach b Saker	5
A McGrath lbw b Fleming	9
O A Shah c Foster b Dodemaide	17
C White not out	92
*A J Hollioake not out	45
Extras (lb 4, nb 4)	8
Total (4 wkts)	231

M A Ealham, †W K Hegg, A F Giles, G Chapple and D W Headley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-21, 3-59, 4-137.

BOWLING: Fleming 16-6-27-1, Saker 14-2-36-1, Dodemaide 19-6-31-1, Harvey 14-1-55-0, Stacey 10-1-50-0, Hodge 4-0-15-1; Harper 3-0-13-0.

VICTORIA: *A I C Dodemaide, W G Ayers, B J Hodge, M R Foster, L D Harper, I J Harvey, D W Fleming, D J Saker, B J Stacey, G R Vimpani, †P J Roach.

Umpires: G T Morrow and I W Stratford

Doull rips through Pakistan to inspire fightback

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SIMON DOULL, the New Zealand fast bowler, fired a warning to England's Test batsmen as he launched a stunning fightback against Pakistan on a dramatic opening day to the first Test in Lahore yesterday.

Doull, a 27-year-old right-armer from Northern Districts, captured four for 21 in seven overs as Pakistan, who had earlier dismissed New Zealand for 155, slumped from 21 for no wicket to 37 for five. When bad light halted play ten overs early, Salim Malik and the wicketkeeper, Moin Khan, were together on 11 and five respectively, having taken the home side to 55 for five.

For New Zealand, who take on England next year in a three-Test series, starting in Auckland on January 24, it was a spectacular turnaround from the opening two sessions. After winning the toss and batting first, they struggled to recover from a poor start, in which Bryan Young and Justin Vaughan were out with only 16 on the board.

Their innings was briefly revived by a third-wicket stand of 51 between Adam Parore, the highest scorer with 37, and Stephen Fleming, who made 19. However, after lunch New Zealand lost their remaining seven wickets for 88.

Pakistan's collapse started when Doull bowled Saeed Anwar for eight with the total on 21. They then lost Ijaz Ahmed when he was adjudged leg-before to Chris Cairns.

Inzamam-ul-Haq was brilliantly taken at third slip without scoring and he was swiftly followed by Zahoor Ellahi, making his international debut, and Mohammad Wasim.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

J T C Vaughan lbw b Shahid	3
B A Young lbw b Waqar	8
A C Parore c Salim b Saqlain	37
S P Fleming c Salim b Mushtaq	19
N J Astle lbw b Mushtaq	0
M J Greatbatch c Mohammad b Waqar	18
C L Cairns c Inzamam b Mushtaq	4
C Z Harris b Waqar	16
*†L K Germon lbw b Waqar	0
D N Patel lbw b Mushtaq	26
S B Doull not out	15
Extras (b 4, lb 5)	9
Total	155

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-16, 3-67, 4-70, 5-73, 6-83, 7-102, 8-102, 9-117.

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 15-3-48-4; Shahid Nazir 8-3-15-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 22.1-4-59-4; Saqlain Mushtaq 12-3-24-1

PAKISTAN: First Innings

*Saeed Anwar b Doull	8
Zahoor Ellahi c Fleming b Doull	22
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Cairns	3
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Astle b Doull	0
Salim Malik not out	11
Mohammad Wasim b Doull	0
†Moin Khan not out	5
Extras (b 1, nb 2)	3
Total (5 wkts)	52

Saqlain Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis and Shahid Nazir to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-29, 3-34, 4-37, 5-37

BOWLING: Doull 7-2-21-4; Cairns 7-2-27-1; Harris 1-0-3-0

Umpires: Shakoor Rana (Pakistan) and R Tiffin (Zimbabwe)

Symcox and De Villiers lead revival to thwart spin attack

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAT SYMCOX and Fanie de Villiers rescued South Africa with a half-century stand for the eighth wicket after they collapsed against the India spinners in the first Test in Ahmedadbad yesterday.

Coming together with South Africa reeling at 119 for seven in reply to India's first innings of 223, the bowlers put on 63 to lead the touring team to 202 for eight at the close on the second day.

Fine bowling by Sunil Joshi, the left-arm spinner, and Anil Kumble and Narendra Hirwani, the leg spinners, with the help of dubious leg-before decisions by S. K. Bansal, the home umpire, against Hansie Cronje and Daryll Cullinan, had earlier raised India's hopes of a useful first-innings lead.

Symcox, who smashed three fours and a six, was leg-before to Joshi half an hour before the close, but Allan Donald helped De Villiers, who finished 40 not out, to last out an engrossing day's play at the Gujarat Stadium.

Cronje, the South Africa captain, was given out to a ball from Hirwani that pitched outside the leg stump and struck him on his pad outside off. Cronje managed to keep cool.

Unfortunately, when Cullinan, after making an aggressive 43, was given out two overs later, he could not control himself. Cullinan visibly remonstrated with Bansal, which will probably earn him a fine from John Reid, the match referee. Cullinan was at full stretch down the pitch when a ball from Joshi struck him on the front pad.

INDIA: First Innings

S V Manjrekar b Adams	34
†N R Mongia lbw b De Villiers	9
R S Dravid lbw b Symcox	24
*S R Tendulkar c Rhodes b Symcox	42
M Azharuddin run out	35
V V S Laxman lbw b Donald	11
S Joshi c Hudson b Donald	16
J Srinath c Cullinan b Donald	14
A Kumble c Kirsten b Donald	17
B K V Prasad c Donald b De Villiers	9
N D Hirwani not out	0
Extras (lb 9, nb 3)	12
Total	223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-63, 3-98, 4-129, 5-159, 6-165, 7-193, 8-196, 9-221.

BOWLING: Donald 27-14-37-4; De Villiers 18-5-55-2; McMillan 11-4-20-0; Cronje 5-3-8-0; Adams 17-2-46-1; Symcox 21-5-46-2.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

G Kirsten st Mongia b Kumble	17
A C Hudson lbw b Kumble	23
D J Cullinan lbw b Joshi	43
*W J Cronje lbw b Hirwani	1
J N Rhodes c Manjrekar b Joshi	14
B M McMillan b Joshi	5
†D J Richardson b Hirwani	4
P L Symcox lbw b Joshi	32
P S de Villiers not out	40
A A Donald not out	4
Extras (b 3, lb 12, nb 1)	16
Total (8 wkts)	202

P R Adams to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-46, 3-49, 4-95, 5-102, 6-113, 7-119, 8-182.

BOWLING: Srinath 12-6-22-0; Prasad 7-2-17-0; Kumble 28-5-66-2; Joshi 22-3-42-4; Hirwani 15-3-38-2.

Umpires: S K Bansal (India) and G Sharp (England)

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

For the next few Refreshers I'm going to be talking about signalling. Groucho Marx's instruction to partners who liked his lead was 'don't bother to signal, just nod your head and smile'. I'm afraid that one is no longer available in polite company. Nowadays the defenders tell one another about their hands by different patterns of card-play. I recommend the following method:

1) On partner's lead, or when discarding, you should show your 'attitude' to the suit. A high card says you like that suit, a low card is discouraging.

2) When the declarer is playing a suit, a high card in that suit says you have an even number, and a low card an odd number of the suit.

Note that what is a 'high' card can be unclear. In many situations, the only way you can tell your partner has played a high card is when he subsequently follows with a lower card, and vice versa.

Some examples of 'attitude' signals: you are East, defending a No-trump contract.

A 6 5
2 led
(i) Q 9 4
(ii) 9 4 3

The declarer plays the ace from dummy. What card do you play? The correct card from (i) is the nine. All it says is 'partner I like the lead'. But from (ii) you play the three — you want to warn your partner you have no help in the suit.

♠3
♥K 6 5 3
♦K 10 7
♣A K Q J 10

N
W E
S

♠7 4
♥10 9 8 7
♦A 9 8 4 2
♣6 5

You are defending Six Spades. Your partner leads the queen of spades and declarer plays ace, king and another spade, your partner winning the third round. What do you discard?

Declarer is likely to take the rest of the tricks unless your partner switches to diamonds now. So you discard the nine of diamonds. But in the same position make your hand:

♠7 4 ♥10 9 8 2 ♦A 5 4 3 2 ♣6 5

Now if you throw the five of diamonds an unobservant partner may think that was a 'low' diamond. Of course, he should work out that the four, three and two are missing, but partners can be lazy that way. Better is to throw the two of hearts, which even the most obtuse partner will recognise as discouraging in hearts and therefore asking him to play diamonds.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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By Philip Howard

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a. A large milkjug
b. The female wigeon
c. An admiring fan

WAMBLE
a. Feeling sick
b. To wander without purpose
c. A feudal supporter

VALI
a. A late Roman Emperor
b. Farewell
c. A governor

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Soviet Juggernaut

I conclude this week long review of the great tournaments of chess history with a look at the 1948 Hague/Moscow World Championship match tournament. This established the Soviet citizen Mikhail Botvinnik as the new world champion, after the previous incumbent, the great tactical genius Alexander Alekhine had died in 1946, still in possession of the title.

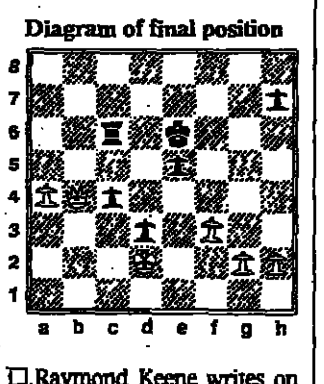
Botvinnik's victory here heralded an unbroken succession of Soviet champions until 1972, when Bobby Fischer defeated Boris Spassky at Reykjavik. Botvinnik's strengths included iron discipline, deep pre-game preparation and also training for the physical hazards one might encounter across the chessboard. Though now banned in important competitions, smoking in 1948 was still quite permissible during the game. Botvinnik, who detested tobacco, therefore arranged pre-tournament training sessions with the Soviet grandmaster and nicotine addict Ragozin. Ragozin's specific brief was to chain smoke during the games and ensure that the smoke was blown directly in Botvinnik's direction.

Botvinnik duly overwhelmed his opposition, which included Smyslov, Keres and Reshevsky. Here is how he bowled over Max Euwe, who was world champion himself from 1935 to 1937.

White: Mikhail Botvinnik
Black: Max Euwe
Hague/Moscow World Championship 1948
Semi-Slav Defence

1	d4	d5
2	Nf3	Nf6
3	c4	e6
4	Nc3	c6
5	e3	Nbd7
6	Bd3	dxc4
7	Bxc4	b5
8	Bd3	a6
9	e4	c5
10	e5	cxd4
11	Nxb5	axb5
12	exf6	Qb6
13	fxg7	Bxg7
14	0-0	Nc5
15	Bf4	Bb7
16	Re1	Rd8
17	Rc1	Rd5
18	Be5	Bxe5
19	Rxe5	Rxe5
20	Nxe5	Nxd3
21	Qxd3	f6
22	Qg3	fxe5
23	Qg7	Rf8
24	Rc7	Qxc7
25	Qxc7	Bd5
26	Qxe5	d3
27	Qe3	Bc4
28	b3	Rf7
29	f3	Rd7
30	Qd2	e5
31	bxc4	bxc4
32	Kf2	Kf7
33	Ke3	Ke6
34	Qb4	Rc7
35	Kd2	Rc6
36	a4	Black resigns

Diagram of final position

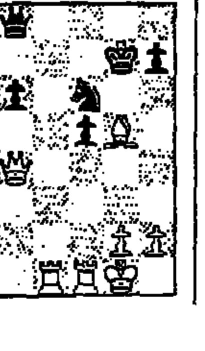


☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Nimzowitsch — Marshall, New York 1927. The black knight is caught in a terrible crossfire of pins and the white rooks are also prepared to enter the action. Unsurprisingly, Black did not last long. How did White continue?



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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICES

EPSOM COLLEGE WITH A
ROYAL MEDICAL FOUNDATION

The Annual General Meeting of Governors will be held in the conference room at Epsom College, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 4JQ on Wednesday 4 December 1996 at 4.30pm.

The agenda will include, in addition to the ordinary business, the appointment of a Vice-President and the filling of vacancies on the College Council.

By Order of the College Council.
NRM PETRIE
Secretary to the Council.

LEGAL NOTICES

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CORPORATION
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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CORPORATION
(UK) LTD
(IN LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The official liquidators of International Travel Corporation Ltd and International Travel Corporation (UK) Ltd (the Liquidators) appointed in the Cayman Islands are requesting creditors to advise the Liquidators in writing of the details of their claims against International Travel Corporation Ltd or International Travel Corporation (UK) Ltd by January 15, 1997 at the address below

Official liquidators
International Travel Corporation Ltd (in)
International Travel Corporation (UK) Ltd
P.O BOX 1359
Grand Cayman
Cayman Islands BW1

All persons with potential claims should note that the above noted companies are different from and wholly independant of International Travel of Grand Cayman Ltd of Fort Street, George Town, and the Grand Pavilion Hotel-West Bay Road, both on Grand Cayman, which is not itself in liquidation.

IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
No. 006766 of 1996
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF MINORIES
FINANCE LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 6 November 1996 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £37,600,100 to £12,600,000 and the Minute approved by the High Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 19 November 1996.

Dated 22 November 1996.
Freshfields of 65 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1HS Ref: PMC/1JW Solicitors for the above-named Company.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE, JOHN DENIS McGOWAN of 2 Acorn Close, Stanmore, Middlesex, WILLIAM MARTIN O'CONNELL of 330A Neasden Lane, London N.W.10. and ELLENOR MURPHY of 134 Melrose Avenue, Cricklewood, London N.W.2. hereby give you notice that we intend to apply to the said Licensing Justices at the Transfer Sessions to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N.W.10. on the 10th day of December 1996 for the Provisional Grant of a Special Hours Certificate under Section 77 of the Licensing Act 1964 for the licensed premises situate at 330/336 Neasden Lane, London N.W.10. and known as The Three Barrels.

DATED this 18th day of November 1996
Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD. Solicitors and Agents for the Applicants.

No. 006361 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF CRT GROUP PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was on the 8th day of November 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company as at the 31st October 1996.

AND NOTICE BE FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard by The Companies Court Registrar at the Companies Court, Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 4th day of December 1996.

ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 22nd day of November 1996.
Dibb Lupton Alsop of Carlton House, 18 Albert Square, Manchester M2 5PE. Ref: AH/JM/G-5502.476, Telephone: 0161 834 7760, Solicitors for the above-named Company.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, JOHN DENIS McGOWAN now residing at 2 Acorn Close, Stanmore, Middlesex, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Publican, and being a person interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N.W.10. on the 10th day of December 1996, for the provisional grant to me of a justices' licence authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption On the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 89/91 Kenton Road, Kenton, Middlesex and to be known by the sign of James Joyce, of which premises Malcolm John Webber, Jill Geraldine Mary Webber, Alan Leslie Jarvis and H.E. Webber & Sons (Accessories) Limited are the owners.

DATED this 14th day of November 1996
Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD. Solicitors and Agents for the Applicants.

The Insolvency Act 1986
SYSTEM DENTAL INTERIORS
LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 11th November 1996.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

WE, YUSUF MOROGLU now residing at 20 Cambourne Avenue, Edmonton, London N9 8QG, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Manager, and SEMIR TATLI now residing at 114 Oatfield House, Perry Court, London N15 6QS, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Chef, and being persons interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is our intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London N.W.10. on the 10th day of December 1996, for the provisional grant to us of a justices' licence authorising us to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption On the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 97 High Street, Harlesden, London N.W.10. and to be known by the sign of Turkish Taverna, of which premises The Trustees of The Nicholas Galperin Trust are the owners.

DATED this 12th day of November 1996
Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD. Solicitors and Agents for the Applicants.

Sixninefour Limited (formerly Lex Brooklands (Bristol) Limited)

Nineninefour Limited (formerly Lex Motor Company Limited)

Eighttwofive Limited (formerly Lex Mead Limited)

Autoserving Limited

Fleetdrive Limited

[illegible] Limited
(all in Liquidation)

THE INSOLVENCY ACT
AND RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, D A Smith of Clarks, PO Box 150, Cippenham Court, Cippenham Lane, Slough SL1 5AT, give notice that on 15 November 1996 I was appointed liquidator of each of the above companies by resolutions of members.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named companies, which are being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 16 December 1996 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned D A Smith of Clarks, PO Box 150, Cippenham Court, Cippenham Lane, Slough SL1 5AT, the liquidator of the said companies, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
D A Smith, Liquidator
Dated 19.11.96

Digital Computer Services
Limited (in administrative
receivership)

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at Boardroom G&H, 1 Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, London, EC4V 3PD, on 5 December 1996 at 11:15am for the purpose of receiving the report of the Administrative Receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP, by 12 noon on 4 December and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Unsecured creditors of the company may obtain a copy of the Administrative Receivers' statutory report, free of charge, by writing to me at the above address.

Date: 18 November 1996
PW Wallace
Joint Administrative Receiver

Digital Computer Services
(Holdings) Limited (in
administrative receivership)

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PW Wallace
Joint Administrative Receiver

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RUGBY UNION

Longer league life may deny players best of both codes

By Christopher Irvine

IT BEGAN with the gasps that went around Twickenham. To rugby league followers there for the Middlesex Sevens, it was no more than they expected or were used to seeing from Wigan. Rugby union glimpsed the future in Henry Paul, Gary Connolly, Jason Robinson, Martin Offiah and most formidably, Va'aiga Tuigamala, who trampled over his now fellow Wasps in the final.

The possibilities seen by several English club coaches that day last May have sometimes been thrillingly realised in the past two months. It speaks volumes for the craft and professionalism in league that Robinson, Connolly and the Paul brothers, Henry and Robbie, have made such an impact on a foreign field. Now, those dabbling in both codes are apparently faced with a choice.

Rugby league's flaw this year was a shortage of fixtures. That problem is addressed by a season starting with the Challenge Cup next February and ending in mid-November with the last of the touring Australians' three matches against Great Britain. It effectively closes the window of opportunity on league players taking a busmen's holiday in union, unless they desire a permanent switch.

Nigel Melville, Wasps' director of rugby, believes individuals must eventually commit themselves to one game. "Tuigamala is contracted to Wigan for now, but I'd be lying if I said we wouldn't want him permanently," he said. "The league players return to their clubs in January and the extended Super League will limit their chances in union next season. When they come out of contract, it's another matter."

Tuigamala has rediscovered his love of union after his recent Western Samoa debut, but many of the talents he now has he owes to league and he is reluctant to give up his adopted game. As much as Robbie Paul, too, is enjoying his well-paid stint at Harlequins away from Bradford Bulls, his presence this week in Sydney at the launch of the ambitious 22-team world rugby league club championship, to be held between June and October next year, indicated where his priorities lie.

Robinson: at crossroads

Not that Paul would necessarily refuse another spell in union. "Although I'll be happy to return to Bradford, it is not satisfying leaving a job half done," he said. "It's been an eye-opener playing union for the first time when the game is exploding. If the chance arrived again, I'd take it, but league is the game I grew up with and the world club championship is the chance to take league to a new dimension."

For most of the 70 players who have crossed to union in the past year, money has been the key factor. The first 12 months' money of the five-year £87 million Super League contract went on keeping many league clubs afloat, but more efficient management at clubs and the prospect of real wealth in the later stages of the world club tournament should help to curb the union drift.

At Wigan — where the prospect of £7 million being pumped into the financially-troubled club is held out by the takeover bid of Dave Whelan, owner of Wigan Athletic Football Club — Paul Harrison, the club spokesman, said: "Union clubs competing for players when contracts expire will be no different from competition from other league clubs. As usual, reports of rugby league's demise are premature."

League, however, is too small to withstand successfully the loss of even a handful of its leading combatants. Britain's recent 3-0 series defeat in New Zealand, where Connolly and Robinson were sorely missed, proved that. It is doubtful whether Harlequins and Bath could buy out their £1 million contracts with the Australian Rugby League. The Super League might, knowing their importance to the Britain side.

There is a sense, too, that Bath overplayed the rugby league hand. Robinson and Henry Paul appeared less than comfortable in the raw, combative arena at Cardiff in the Heineken Cup. In Harlequins' recent defeat by Sale, Connolly missed the lines of running completely, but all are learning and Dick Best, Harlequins' director of rugby, is convinced those doubling up in union would, in time, make international level.

"I'm a great student of league and we'll be watching the Super League closely in terms of possible further deals," Best said.

Lomu has chance to re-establish himself

By David Hands

JONAH LOMU will make his second appearance in Great Britain on Sunday, as part of the New Zealand Barbarians XV team to play the Northern Counties at Huddersfield in the one preparatory game prior to the meeting with England on November 30.

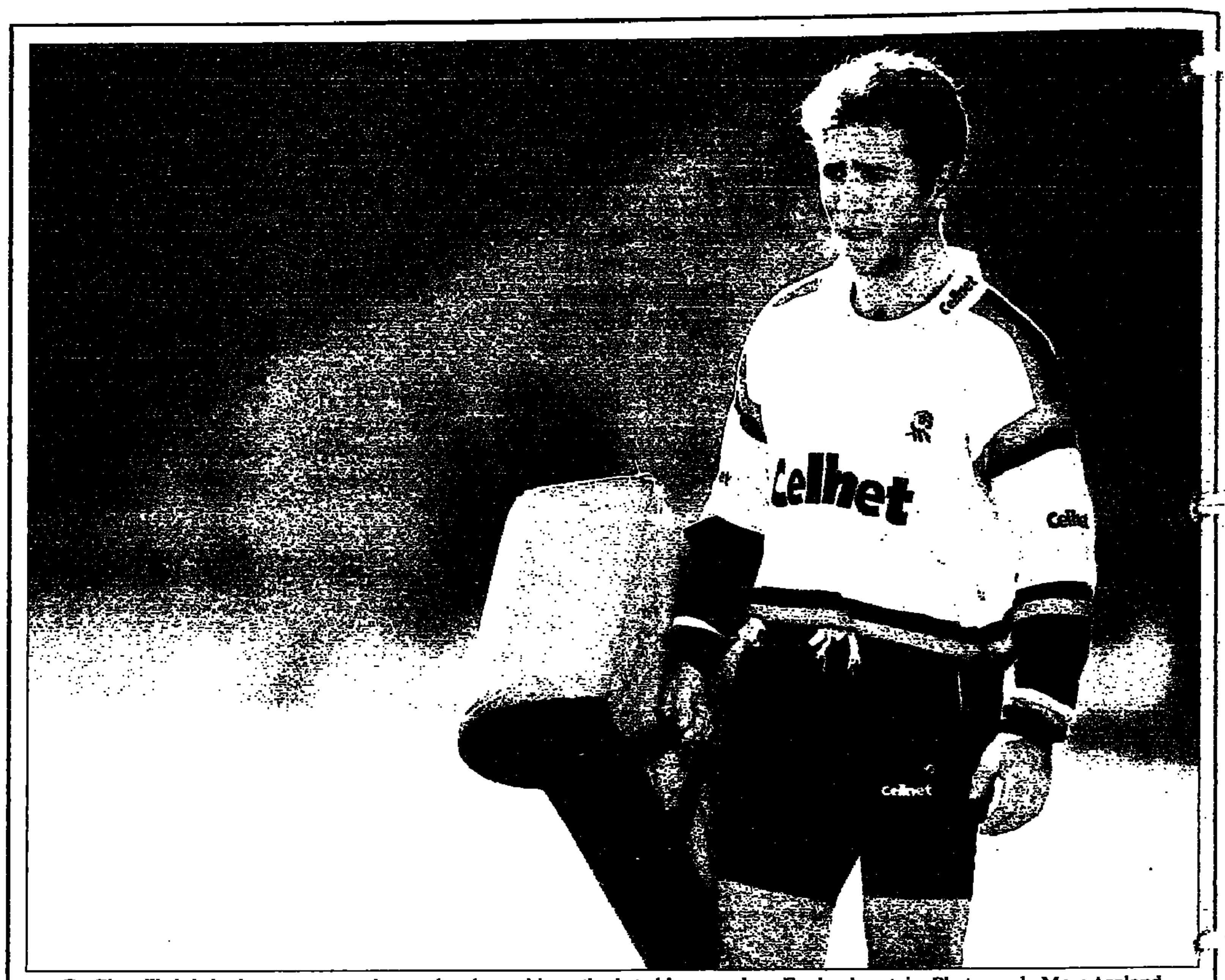
Lomu, who appeared in the Ieuan Evans testimonial match at Llanelli last season, has suffered an undistinguished year after the huge impact he made during the 1995 World Cup. This brief visit will be his chance to re-establish himself in the absence of such experienced backs as Frank Bunce, Walter Little and Jeff Wilson.

The XV for Sunday will not be too far away from the team that will meet England at Twickenham, though Carlos Spencer, who enjoyed such a fruitful season with Auckland, plays at stand-off half ahead of Andrew Mehrtens. Christian Cullen, the discovery of 1996, plays at full back.

Scotland and Wales got their World Cup Sevens qualifying campaigns off to flying starts with 13-try victories on the opening day of the tournament in Dubai yesterday. James Craig helped himself to 31 points, with five tries and three conversions, while Scott Nicol scored 25 through a hat-trick of tries and five conversions as the Scots crushed Zambia 87-0 in their opening pool E match.

Wales beat Singapore 77-0, with all seven players scoring tries, and then beat a strong and spirited Zimbabwe side 31-14.

NEW ZEALAND BARBARIANS (v Northern Counties, Huddersfield, Sunday): C Cullen, J Lomu, A Ieremia, L Stensness, G Osborne; C Spencer, J Marshall, M Allen, S Fitzpatrick, O Brown, D Mika, R Brooke, G Taylor, A Blowers, T Randell


De Glanville is bringing a strong track record and a positive attitude to his new role as England captain. Photograph: Marc Aspland

De Glanville takes first steps forward

David Hands talks to a new England captain ready to put the past behind him but equally keen not to look too far ahead

How do you follow a world record-holder? Where are the guidelines on how to begin a new sporting era? How long will it be before Will Carling's England becomes part of rugby union history and Phil de Glanville's England has stamped its own authority on the sport?

Not that de Glanville will have been worrying about history during the few short days since November 4, when he found that he was to follow Carling as captain of England. The present has filled his time, the personal adjustment from being just another squad member to its focal point, at a time when both the squad and the way it seeks to play the game are changing fundamentally.

When the Bath captain says that he is looking no further than England's game against Italy at Twickenham tomorrow, the meeting with the New Zealand Barbarians a week later and the December 14 encounter with Argentina, one sympathises. For, in these three games, he will begin to come to terms with his new role and the demands that England and its rugby public place upon him.

When Carling began his 59-match stewardship eight years ago, he was the fifth man to lead England that calendar year and the sport was in a state of flux. He hands over to de Glanville a perception of English rugby enhanced beyond recognition by success, by professionalism and — the down side — the ills that play-for-pay has brought in its wake. Apart from anything else, de Glanville's England has now to compensate for the inadequacies of administrators by playing so well as to make the public forget the quarrels and political strife that have marred this season.

All of these arguments will have run through Jack Rowell's mind before the national coach made his decision, back in September. He wanted a maturity, in individual and playing terms, that Lawrence Dallaglio perhaps lacked: Dallaglio is, after all, one of the new wave. Whereas Carling, at 22, had old sweats such as Peter Winterbottom, Mike Teague, Rob Andrew, Rory Underwood, Wade Dooley and Paul Ackford to proffer advice, de Glanville is surrounded by youngsters with the exceptions of the two multi-capped men, Carling himself and Jason Leonard.

De Glanville, at 28, has established a strong track record of his own, a mind honed at the universities of Durham and Oxford, a business career as a marketing consultant that he steadfastly refuses to relinquish for the dubious pleasures of full-time sport, a playing career hardened in the fire of Bath rugby at its apogee.

Above all, he knows Rowell from his days as Bath's coach. "If things need to be said to Jack, I won't hesitate to say them," de Glanville says with a glint in his eye. "I know he won't hesitate to say them to me."

He acknowledges how life will change, not only for himself but for Yolanda, his wife, whom he met while at Durham. She was not aware of him as a rugby player then: she is now, with media crews camped out on the road to glean words of wisdom from the latest occupant of a high-profile job. "We will keep our feet firmly on the ground," de Glanville promises, and it must be hoped, in the whirligig world of international sport, that he can.

He is in no doubt that leadership has to be a positive quality. "There must be a good empathy with the other players, but getting the balance right between being the captain and being part of the squad is difficult, particularly when you have come out of the squad to occupy the new role. I'll bring a positive attitude to the way we want to play the game and the way the squad environment develops.

"We are here first and foremost to win, secondly to enjoy ourselves. The balance, in the psychology of the squad, is very important. But when the going gets tough, I hope I won't revert to what have become known as 'traditional' English methods. Space and time are at a premium in international rugby, which makes it difficult to play the kind of rugby we are aiming for, but players are developing the necessary mental and physical skills through the way the majority of their clubs have been playing this season.

"You need 15 players all reacting to the same kind of game and one of the most refreshing aspects of this season has been the consistency of approach by players from different clubs.

"The build-up has already changed from Will's era, the different environment we find at Bisham Abbey, the new warm-up routines, but we are finding out what's right for this squad and not just seeking change for its own sake.

"We want a balanced game that will keep the opposition guessing. We are always going to play with options, not just running the ball all the time; kicking is part of the game too. But our general philosophy is to keep the ball in hand. It will take time to get our execution right and we would not pretend to be at the top of the world game right now — but we aspire to be there."

TOP OF THE TABLES

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Summit talks can bring greater union to Europe

GERALD DAVIES

Rugby union commentary

Next Monday a meeting is to take place in Dublin to determine the future of European rugby fixtures. The success of the Heineken Cup this season has ensured that its future is guaranteed. Whether the present format remains — the number of clubs, the complement of matches, when they are to be played and so on — is a matter for debate. What is certain is that this tournament will provide the main focus of the season for English, French and Welsh clubs, the Scottish districts and Irish provinces.

Present at this meeting will be the five directors of the European Rugby Cup (ERC) committee, as well as five other members who will represent the clubs, districts and provinces of the five nations where difficulties have arisen. It is hoped that the many conflicts and divergent interests that marred the competition last year, and which have continued in other forms and by other means this season, will receive attention. The unions and clubs must begin to unite in the interest of the game as a whole. Clearly, there are too many arguments and too many matches at present.

If the European tournament came alive here last weekend, it has been so from the beginning in France. For Marcel Martin, France's representative on the ERC, this response has been particularly satisfying. His vision now is that this feeling should be shared among others in Europe.

"It is important that the unions, clubs and provinces and so on should come together," he said. "There are a lot of fixtures which conflict with one another at the moment. We must make rugby a sport in Europe which is saleable, profitable and of the style which will get the maximum number of people watching and playing."

'Appeal must not only be to the few clubs'

A 17-point questionnaire has been circulated to all those attending the meeting. What, for example, is a sustainable number of matches? And over how many weekends? How many fixtures should be at home? With how many matches would the clubs be happy, from the playing point of view as well as financial viability?

The questions go beyond club fixtures, domestic and European, to include international matches before and after Christmas. These must dovetail together.

"There is a fabric that needs to be kept together not torn apart. But the season must not be congested," Martin, who will contest the presidency of the French federation next month, said. "We need to agree on the proper form of the season in order that we know what we can offer television companies and the sponsors. There must be a coherent shape to rugby in Europe and not for each country to determine selfishly for itself.

"But the base must remain large. It is fundamental that the appeal must not only be to the few clubs. Money cannot all go to a small number of rich clubs. Such a concentration would not ultimately be to the benefit of rugby. This is why it is important to maintain a second tier of competition. Of course, television and sponsors are interested largely in the main event. We must not ignore the rest, however. The profits may not be shared equally, but nor must all the money go into the pockets of the few; there is a shared responsibility. The culture of rugby will be richer for it.

"We must not allow what happened to rugby league to happen to rugby union. Rugby league remains limited to a small band of clubs in a very small number of countries. Rugby union has a duty to get as many players as possible and as many people watching as possible.

'We have to make rugby saleable'

"We must also be concerned that there should be a sense of continuity. What if, for example, Harlequins or Leinster or any other team in the Heineken Cup did not qualify next season? Do they drop out altogether? What incentive should they have to play in the autumn? Having experienced European rugby one year, their motivation would be very low without it. This cannot be allowed to happen.

"We need to be aware also of the emerging nations. If the Heineken tournament is dominated by teams from the five nations, as it is at the moment, it does not mean that it should always remain like this.

"When France began playing the other four countries in the early days, they were always beaten by large scores. This is clearly not the case any more. The French game was able to develop very quickly because of their continued involvement. Therefore, we should consider other countries in the rest of Europe.

"We should think of those who are taking their first steps in rugby's broad community, like Spain and Germany. Perhaps we should consider playing them in the second competition. In that way, we might be able to give them an incentive and to push the game forward. That is the kind of expansion we should aim for.

"There should always be a channel between the top and small clubs, between the major countries and the emerging ones. Our view, clubs and unions, of what the possibilities are should not be constrained and narrow. If we accept this interweaving of shared interests, then the future of rugby is very exciting."

RUGBY LEAGUE: LEEDS CLUBS SET UP DEAL FOR INTERNATIONAL WING

Sterling wanted in player-share agreement

PAUL STERLING, a wing in both codes, is about to follow Martin Offiah at London Broncos and Bedford in becoming only the second jointly-owned rugby league and rugby union player in a combined deal by the Leeds league and union clubs, who now share the Headingley ground (Christopher Irvine writes).

The player-share arrangement is the first of its kind since the marriage of convenience between the two clubs ten months ago. "There will be a cash assistance provided by Leeds RU," Gary Hetherington, the Leeds league chief executive, said. "It was ourselves who made the approach to Hull (where Sterling is on the transfer list at £100,000). The arrangement is that his union does not overlap with the league."

Sterling, 30, a late starter in both sports, joined Hull from Bradford and Bingley rugby union club in 1993. He made one appearance for his former union side this season before Hull demanded a fee.

Last year he represented Great Britain, in the rugby league world sevens in Sydney. Sterling is expected to join Leeds, from Hull, in exchange for Matthew Schultz, a forward.

Leeds yesterday announced a five-figure sponsorship deal with the fast-food chain, McDonald's, for the family stand and junior supporters' club.

Garry Scholfield, the former Leeds and Great Britain stand-off half, last night received the Rugby League Writers' Association merit award for services to the game.

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RACING: OWNER OF JACKDAWS CASTLE CALLS FOR REVIEW

Courses come under fire again at grassroots level

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

A CALL for a fundamental review of going reports and turf husbandry at Britain's racecourses came yesterday as misgivings surfaced about the state of another Jockey Club-owned course.

Colin Smith, who spent £3 million building Jackdaws Castle, David Nicholson's training base, is critical of the poor quality of many courses — notably Cheltenham — and the "deliberately" inaccurate going reports produced by some clerks of the courses.

"If climatic changes mean we are going to get less rain and warmer temperatures, the problem will get worse and *you will end up* with a truncated season," he warned.

The Jockey Club is responsible for the condition of racecourses but, as Smith pointed out, it owns a dozen courses through its subsidiary, Racecourse Holdings Trust (RHT), and "is therefore often sitting in judgment on itself". Similarly, the inspectors of courses are employed by the Jockey Club, rather than the British Horseracing Board.

Warwick, one of the RHT tracks, confirmed yesterday it had commissioned a report from an independent agronomist a year ago which had highlighted failings in its soil and grass structure. Lack of cash has delayed implementing his recommendations.

The growing unease among trainers and owners about the state of some tracks and misleading going reports has convinced Smith that radical action is required. He believes all courses should be required to take advice from an independent agronomist, chosen from a selected panel, and implement recommendations on soil testing, strains of grass and watering.

"At too many courses, there is no irrigation policy and the equipment, to be fair to groundsmen, is often truly horrific," he said. "It can range from punctured hoses, *dragged behind lorries, to* garden sprinklers."

The watering policy on jumps courses varies enormously. Kempton started watering seriously in August, while Newbury, Ascot and Cheltenham left it much later. The National Trainers' Federation has lodged a formal complaint about the going at Newbury's October meeting.

Clerks of the courses are responsible for determining the official going but "too many of them at important times call it wrongly because they want to get runners to the course. Some are just incompetent," Smith added. "There are two or three clerks of courses whom you cannot trust at all when it comes to going reports."

Although the Jockey Club has been trying for years, without success, to introduce a penetrometer to give accurate going readings, Smith believes an accumulation of readings from such an instrument at individual tracks over *a two-year period would give* trainers a more accurate guide than that offered by clerks of courses.

Smith's main complaint is against Cheltenham, run by RHT, "because it is supposed to be the No 1 course in the country, but it is far from that in the calling of the going and the nature of the ground.

"It doesn't *have* any grass of any consequence. It is like the hair on your head; it looks okay, but is pretty thin. When it comes to calling the going they tend to err on the side of what they believe it should be. It is easy to be over critical. The truth is it has come upon them a bit. As a result of better drainage, the moisture content of the soil has changed, but not the type of grass. No-one, until recently, thought about such things."

He concluded: "If you looked at football pitches 20 years ago in March, they had little grass on them. That is not the case now. The technology is there to give you the *grass and soccer has adapted.* Racing hasn't."

JULIAN HERBERT

Smith keeps a watchful eye on the gallops at Jackdaws Castle, where champion trainer, Nicholson, is based

THUNDERER

1.00 Regal Pursuit
1.35 Random Harvest
2.10 Carole's Crusader
2.40 Castle Sweep
3.10 Storm Alert
3.40 Kaitak

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 **REGAL PURSUIT.**

GOING: GOOD | TOTE JACKPOT MEETING | SIS

1.00 TRAVELLING THE TURF RACECOURSE OF THE YEAR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£3,518: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

101 221-411 RANGITIKEI 8 (S) (Mrs J Mayo) C Mann 5-11-12 J Magee 90
102 523 ADILOV 5 (T Mitchell) J Bridger 4-11-4 Sophie Mitchell 79
103 34-423 CHIEF GALE 35 (T K Construction Ltd) J O'Shea 4-11-4 G Hogan 87
104 0-0 ONE MORE MAN 23 (A Eisley) J Gifford 5-11-4 W Greatrex (10) —
105 02- ROYAL RAVEN 242 (A Weller) J Gifford 5-11-4 L Aspell —
106 42-1 REGAL PURSUIT 31 (F) (L Tracey) N Henderson 5-11-3 T Hagger (7) [illegible]
107 SATCOTINO (Grangewood (Sales & Marketing) Ltd) M Tompkins 5-10-13 K Gaule —

BETTING: 5-2 Rangitikei, 11-4 Regal Pursuit, 4-1 Royal Raven, 6-1 Chief Gale, 8-1 Adilov, 10-1 others.

1995: LIVELY KNIGHT 6-10-13 L Aspell (5-4 fav) J Gifford 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

RANGITIKEI beat Mr Poppleton 6l in handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m, good). ADILOV 11½l 3rd to Claireswan in maiden hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f 110yd, good to soft). CHIEF GALE 5l 3rd to Sounds Like Fun in novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good to firm). ROYAL RAVEN 8l 2nd to Gaye Fame in National Hunt Flat race at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to soft). REGAL PURSUIT beat Walwol 10l in maiden hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, good to firm). Selection: REGAL PURSUIT

1.35 CHARLES DAVIS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£6,970: 3m 110yd) (7 runners)

201 11453-3 BUCKHOUSE BOY 13 (S) (The Gentry Boys) N Twiston-Davies 6-12-0 C Llewellyn 80
202 22804-1 BALLYEA BOY 8 (4ex) (D Barry) D Nicholson 6-10-12 (5ex) A Maguire 93
203 421-113 MONY-SKIP 9 (F) (T Ramsden) Mrs S Smith 7-10-5 R Guest [illegible]
204 4-12223 LUCKY DOLLAR 9 (F,S) [illegible] K Bailey 8-10-5 C O'Dwyer 89
205 111U- LITTLE MARTINA 208 (CD,G,S) [illegible] D Gandolfo 8-10-3 R Dunwoody 96
206 5/425-2 RANDOM HARVEST 20 [illegible] Mrs M Reveley 7-10-0 D Gallagher 98
207 [illegible]F MINOR KEY 7 [illegible] J [illegible] 9-10-0 J Osborne 80

[illegible] Random Harvest 9-10, Minor Key 9-7.

BETTING: [illegible] Buckhouse Boy, 5-2 Ballyea Boy, 6-1 Mony-Skip, 7-1 Random Harvest, 8-1 others.

1995: [illegible] 7-11-12 R Dunwoody (7-2) K Bailey 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BUCKHOUSE BOY 13l 3rd of 16 to Pleasure Shared in Grade I Sefton Novice hurdle at Aintree (3m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. BALLYEA BOY beat Ardcroney Chief in handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, good). MONY-SKIP 6¾l 3rd to Pleasure Shared in novice chase at Worcester (2m 7f 110yd, good). LUCKY DOLLAR 5¾l 3rd to Goldenswift in novice handicap chase at Newbury (3m, good). LITTLE MARTINA beat King's Treasure 12l in hunter chase at over course and distance (good to soft). RANDOM HARVEST 2l 2nd to Potter's Bay in novice handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good). Selection: RANDOM HARVEST

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.10 SCUDAMORE CLOTHING NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,631: 3m) (11 runners)

301 2732-21 FLYING GUNNER 13 (D,S) (R Green) D Nicholson 5-11-3 A Maguire [illegible]
302 254-1 MYWEND'S 13 (F) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 6-11-3 G Bradley 65
303 P ASHLEY HOUSE 16 (B Hammond) B Millman 7-10-12 D Salter (5) —
304 43442-1 CAROLE'S CRUSADER 22 (G) (Mrs C Skipworth) D Gandolfo 5-10-12 R Dunwoody 94
305 4634-23 CHARLIE PARROT 13 (Mrs A Parrant) M Pipe 6-10-12 A P McCoy 84
306 COOLE CHERRY (Mrs L Field) C Barwell 6-10-12 B Fenton —
307 3-242R2 DACELO 18 (BF) (B Harris) O Sherwood 5-10-12 J Osborne 73
308 0204-2 JET BOYS 13 (The Jet Stationery Co Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-12 W Marston 87
309 60- MEL 315 (Mrs R Haskins) R Buckler 6-10-12 B Powell 63
310 00-3 PRU'S PROFILES 14 (Exterior Profiles Ltd) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 D Bridgwater 71
311 1 SUPREME CHARM 141 (B) (P Vogt) K Bailey 4-10-11 C O'Dwyer —

BETTING: 11-4 Flying Gunner, 3-1 Carole's Crusader, 6-1 Supreme Charm, Jet Boys, 7-1 Mywend's, 8-1 others.

1995: FOXBOW 5-10-12 J Osborne (7-1) O Sherwood 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLYING GUNNER beat JET BOYS (5lb better off) 8l in novice hurdle at Chepstow (3m, good to soft). MYWEND'S beat Southern Nights 5l in 12-runner maiden hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm). CAROLE'S CRUSADER beat FLYING GUNNER short head in 11-runner maiden hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good). CHARLIE PARROT 12l 3rd of 8 to Mazzini in novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). JET BOYS 7½l 4th of 19 to Tara Rambler in novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start. PRU'S PROFILES 7½l 3rd of 16 to General Mouktar in maiden hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 6f 110yd, good). SUPREME CHARM beat Dramatist 6l in 8-runner National Hunt Flat race at Ballinrobe (2m 1f, good). Selection: JET BOYS

2.40 COOPERS & LYBRAND ASCOT HURDLE BBC2

(Grade II: £15,550: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

401 11133-1 CASTLE SWEEP 13 (D,G,S) (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 5-11-0 A Maguire 81
402 311202 FIELDRIDGE 18 (D,F,G) (The Charleston Partnership) M Muggeridge 7-11-0 B Powell 56
403 1722/11- LARGE ACTION 371 (CD,G,S) (B Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 8-11-0 J Osborne [illegible]
404 4/5P4-5 MUSE 13 (CD,G,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 9-11-0 P Holley 88
405 2240-14 MISTINGUETT 13 (BF,G,S) (J Duggan) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-9 C Llewellyn 81

BETTING: Evens Castle Sweep, 11-8 Large Action, 12-1 Mistinguett, 14-1 Muse, 16-1 Fieldridge.

1995: LARGE ACTION 7-11-0 J Osborne (8-15 fav) O Sherwood 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE SWEEP beat Mytton's Choice 10l in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) with MUSE (14lb better off) 22l 5th. FIELDRIDGE 13l 2nd of 9 to Ocean Hawk in handicap hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, good). LARGE ACTION beat Atours 1½l in Grade II Coopers and Lybrand Ascot hurdle over course and distance (good). MUSE 8¾l 4th of 9 to Aldahrook in Grade II Scottish Champion Hurdle at Ayr (2m, soft). MISTINGUETT beat Hatta Breeze 7l in hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. Selection: LARGE ACTION (nap)

3.10 GERRARD AND NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE BBC2

(£9,367: 2m) (5 runners)

501 342003- DANCING PADDY 206 (CD,F,G,S) (Bychance Racing) K C-Brown 8-12-0 R Guest 97
502 F8554-1 STORM ALERT 20 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Petrell) D Nicholson 10-11-12 A Maguire [illegible]
503 1P1/3PP- SOUND REVEILLE 213 (D,G,S) (Mrs G Abecassis) C Brooks 8-11-12 G Bradley 89
504 32115-1 CALLISOE BAY 22 (D,F,G,S) (R Waters) O Sherwood 7-11-4 J Osborne 94
505 1P133-4 SPINNING STEEL 10 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Lewis-Jones) P Rodford 9-10-0 S Burrough 79

Long handicap: Spinning Steel 8-8.

BETTING: 6-4 Callisoe Bay, 7-4 Storm Alert, 4-1 Sound Reveille, 5-1 Dancing Paddy, 50-1 Spinning Steel

1995: KIBREET 8-10-7 A P McCoy (5-4 fav) P Hobbs 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DANCING PADDY 4l 3rd of 5 to Coulton in handicap chase over course and distance (good to firm) with STORM ALERT (3lb worse off) tailed off 4th. STORM ALERT beat Big Matt neck in handicap chase over course and distance (good to firm). SOUND REVEILLE best effort last term 20l 3rd of 9 to High Baron in handicap chase at Sandown (2m, good to firm). CALLISOE BAY beat Southampton 2l in handicap chase at Stratford (2m 1f 110yd, good). Selection: STORM ALERT

3.40 LADBROKE TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE BBC2

(£6,589: 2m 110yd) (11 runners)

601 150322- ROMANCER 253 (B,D,F,G) (M Archer) N Twiston-Davies 5-12-0 C Llewellyn 98
602 21814-F KINGSFOLD PET 13 (D,G,S) (Exors of G Nye) M Haynes 7-11-10 D Skyrme [illegible]
603 02-4144 NON VINTAGE 13 (CD,G,S) (A Mann) M Chapman 5-11-6 W Worthington 95
604 154112- EXECUTIVE DESIGN 13F (D,G,S) (L Foster) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-3 P Niven 95
605 01128-4 CHARMING GIRL 20 (D,BF,G,S) (C Cowen) O Sherwood 5-11-2 J Osborne 95
606 1/0010-4 PALACEGATE KING 7 (D,S) (C Whittaker) A Whittaker 7-11-0 B Harding 90
607 04113-3 GROUND NUT 13 (D,F,S) (Mrs R Haslam) R Buckler 6-11-0 B Powell 95
608 0/0253-3 CADOUGOLD 16 (D,BF,G,S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-10-12 A P McCoy 96
609 20843-3 KAITAK 20 (D,G) (C Murphy) J Carr 5-10-9 A Maguire 98
610 F60-842 SHOOFK 20 (S) (S Dewne) S Dow 5-10-3 R Dunwoody 95
611 146- SOVEREIGNS PARADE 202 (D,G) (R Tooth) N Henderson 4-10-2 M A Fitzgerald 90

BETTING: 9-2 Kingsfold Pet, 5-1 Romancer, Charming Girl, 6-1 Executive Design, 7-1 Cadougold, 8-1 others

1995: NON VINTAGE 4-10-0 W Worthington (10-1) M Chapman 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROMANCER 3l 2nd of 28 to Star Rage in Grade III County Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good) with NON VINTAGE (4lb better off) 3¾l 3rd and SHOOFK (15lb better off) 47½l 20th. EXECUTIVE DESIGN 1¾l 2nd of 4 to Marchant Ming in novice hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, soft). CHARMING GIRL best recent effort 4l 2nd of 15 to Tragic Hero in Grade II Seagram Top Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good). GROUND NUT 10½l 3rd of 8 to Dreams End in Grade II Elite Hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). KAITAK neck and 3l 3rd of 19 to Tragic Hero in Grade III Swinton handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, good) on penultimate start with CHARMING GIRL 5¾l 9th, NON VINTAGE (1lb worse off) 4½l 11th and PALACEGATE KING (2lb better off) 20l 15th. SHOOFK 8l 2nd of 5 to Silver groom in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to firm) with CHARMING GIRL (1lb worse off) 1½l 4th. Selection: ROMANCER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S Dow	4	14	28.6	J Osborne	28	104	26.9
D Nicholson	15	61	24.6	A P McCoy	14	61	23.0
M Pipe	13	64	20.3	C Llewellyn	10	51	19.6
O Sherwood	12	62	19.4	A Maguire	16	90	17.8
N Twiston-Davies	16	90	17.8	R Dunwoody	16	102	15.7
Mrs J Pitman	6	36	16.7	M A Fitzgerald	14	90	15.6

Castle Sweep to serve notice of Champion intent

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ASCOT

BBC2

2.40: They don't come back, or do they? Large Action, placed twice in the Champion Hurdle, missed much of last season because of a suspensory injury and returns here after pleasing Oliver Sherwood at home. The eight-year-old is suited by the conditions of this race and will win if returning to near his best form.

However, I always prefer to go for a progressive horse when there is a doubt hanging over a rival and **Castle Sweep** is the choice. The easy winner of a fast run Tote Silver Trophy at Chepstow 13 days ago, he has already been backed for next year's Champion Hurlde and is held in high regard by David Nicholson. Muse should ensure the race is run at a decent pace.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CASTLE SWEEP
(2.40 Ascot)
Next best: Random Harvest
(1.35 Ascot)

3.10: Dancing Paddy is not a natural jumper of fences and invariably blunders away winning chances. Sound Reveille looks plenty high enough in the handicap against the other two race-fit runners. Storm Alert is something of an Ascot specialist but could find it hard giving weight away to the potentially useful **Callisoe Bay**. Although the seven-year-old still has something to learn about jumping fences, he won in a fast time at Stratford on his seasonal reappearance and can take this.

3.40: Executive Design should be fit enough after having a pipe-opener on the Flat at Doncaster two weeks ago. Mary Reveley's hurdler jumps well and possesses a decent turn of foot. Kingsfold Pet would prefer softer ground, while the front-running Ground Nut will find it hard to dominate in this class of race. Romancer looks high in *the handicap which leaves* Kaitak as the main threat. He finished third at Wetherby 20 days ago and looked as though he would come on for the run.

Sovereigns Parade failed to progress after comfortably winning a novice event at Haydock on his first start over hurdles, but would have claims on that form and looks best of the remainder.

Richard Evans

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THUNDERER

1.10 THREE WILD DAYS (nap). 1.45 Kilbally Boy. 2.20 Bas De Laine. 2.50 Chai-Yo. 3.20 Baronet. 3.50 Good Vibes.

GOING: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES | SIS

1.10 SOUTHPORT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,009: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 P/ BOLD STREET 7F A Bailey 6-10-12 T Kent —
2 8 DICTATION 13 J J O'Neill 4-10-12 A Roche —
3 P- KINGS CAY 311F T Caldwell 5-10-12 L Wyer —
4 3P-R MR CHRISTIE 25 Miss L Siddall 4-10-12 A Thornton 82
5 32-0 PENROSE LAD 20 D Nicholson 5-10-12 R Johnson 88
6 00 SEGALA 18 J J O'Neill 5-10-12 N Williamson 79
7 STAR MASTER 894F L Lungo 5-10-12 M Dwyer —
8 24-5 THREE WILD DAYS 16 T Tate 4-10-12 R Garritty [illegible]
9 342- TREMENDISTO 11F J Wilson 6-10-12 A Dobbin 97
10 005 YOUNG BENSON 21 T Wall 4-10-12 R Massey (3) 59

[illegible] Penrose Lad, 7-2 Tremendisto, 5-1 Three Wild Days, Star Master, 10-1 Mr Christie, 12-1 Segala, 14-1 others.

1.45 LYDIATE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,626: 2m 4f) (6)

1 2112 SUPERTOP 27 (BF,F,G,S) L Lungo 5-12-0 I Jardine (7) [illegible]
2 0R1- KILLBALLY BOY 179 (G) J Johnson 6-11-8 G F Ryan 96
3 -246 ELA MAN HOWA 27 A Bailey 5-10-12 D J Kavanagh (3) 92
4 448- AUNTIE ALICE 202 J Fitzgerald 6-10-8 G Lee 92
5 -525 LAWBUSTER 23 (G) Mrs R Henderson 4-10-5 P Henley 89
6 6-5P CURRAGH PETER 14 Mrs P Bickerton 9-10-0 Guy Lewis —

2-1 Supertop, 9-4 Killbally Boy, 4-1 Ela Man Howa, Auntie Alice, 14-1 others.

2.20 JOHN PARRETT MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£6,743: 3m 1f) (4)

1 P11- WHEAT FETTLE 379 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 11-12-0 A Dobbin 96
2 1-42 FIVELEIGH BUILDS 9 (F,G,S) Miss L Russell 9-11-12 A Thornton 94
3 /1-3 MUSTHAVEASWIG 13 (F,G) D Nicholson 10-11-6 R Johnson [illegible]
4 4131 BAS DE LAINE 9 (D,F,G) M Hammond 10-11-4 (6ex) R Garritty 97

7-4 Bas De Laine, 2-1 Musthaveaswig, 7-2 Wheat Fettle, 9-2 Fiveleigh Builds.

2.50 CROSTON LANGENBERGER HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,163: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 -525 DONE WELL 13 (D,F,G) P Monteith 4-12-0 A Dobbin 97
2 2121 SARMATIAN 6 (D,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-9 (6ex) R Garritty 98
3 -113 INDIAN JOCKEY 16 (D,BF,F) M Pipe 4-11-7 D Walsh (3) [illegible]
4 21-1 CHAI-YO 16 (D,G,S) J Old 6-11-5 G Upton 95
5 5P0- KING ATHELSTAN 13F (D,F,G,S) B McMahon 8-11-3 Derek Byrne 96
6 341/ HAWWAM 30F (D,F) E Alston 10-10-0 L Wyer —
7 6-05 PRIDEWOOD PICKER 9 (D,F,G) R Price 9-10-0 D J Kavanagh (5) 89

6-5 Chai-Yo, 7-2 Sarmatian, 5-1 Done Well, 6-1 Indian Jockey, 14-1 Pridewood Picker, 16-1 King Athelstan, Hawwam.

3.20 LIVERPOOL NOVICES CHASE (£4,464: 3m 1f) (3)

1 1F-1 BARONET 16 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 6-11-5 R Johnson [illegible]
2 F/03 KENMORE-SPEED 15 (F,S) Mrs S Smith 9-11-0 N Williamson 83
3 3/P- SLOTAMATIQUE 419 (F) G Richards 7-11-0 A Dobbin —

2-7 Baronet, 5-1 Slotamatique, 8-1 Kenmore-Speed.

3.50 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,935: 2m 110yd) (11)

1 1/ WHIP HAND 606 (G) J Fitzgerald 5-11-11 M Dwyer —
2 00- CASHEL QUAY 286 Mrs P Bickerton 6-11-4 Guy Lewis (3) —
3 9- DANTES AMOUR 190 M Hammond 5-11-4 R Garritty —
4 0- DASHANTI 246 D Nicholson 5-11-4 R Massey (3) —
5 2 FIRST LIGHT 28 J Quinn 4-11-4 R Johnson —
6 5 FOUR FROM HOME 62 J J O'Neill 4-11-4 A Roche —
7 22 GOOD VIBES 11 T Easterby 4-11-4 L Wyer —
8 0 LOOK IN THE MIRROR 9 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 L Suthern (7) —
9 MAC'S SUPREME F Murphy 4-11-4 N Williamson —
10 MEADOW HYMN J Fitzgerald 5-11-4 W Dwan —
11 4 NIGHT ESCAPADE 41 C Weedon 4-10-13 M Richards —

7-2 Whip Hand, 4-1 First Light, 9-2 Good Vibes, 5-1 Dantes Amour, 8-1 Mac's Supreme, Look In The Mirror, 10-1 Dashanti, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Twiston-Davies, 9 winners from 48 runners, 18.8%; G Richards, 7 from 38, 18.4%; D Nicholson, 9 from 52, 17.3%; J Fitzgerald, 3 from 20, 15.0%; M Pipe, 9 from 67, 13.4%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: R Garritty, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; A Dobbin, 5 from 18, 27.8%; N Williamson, 7 from 36, 19.4%; L Wyer, 4 from 34, 11.8%. Only qualifiers.

Wincanton

Going: good

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, WAYFARERS WAY (M A Fitzgerald, 4-1); 2, Calvaro (R Johnson, 25-1); 3, Ashby Hill (D O'Sullivan, 4-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Eleanora Muse (4th), 11 Sentaka Hass (5th). 5 ran. 1½l, 1¾l, 9l, dist. N Henderson, at Lambourn. Tote: £5.00; £1.20, £9.20 DF: £23.70. CSF: £47.79.

2.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, HIGHLAND JACK (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 2, Biroel (S Wynne, 9-4 fav); 3, At The Grove (C O'Dwyer, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Zaitoon (ur), 13-2 Whirly (ur), 10 Cracking Prospect (ur), Legal Artist (4th), 14 Stormhill Pilgrim (5th), 25 Master Pangloss (ur), Purbeck Rambler (6th), 33 Ferny Ball (f), 66 Sweet Buck. 12 ran. NR: Decor, Mariners Mirror, Ramallah. 2l, 12l, 9l, 3l, dist. A Turnell at Wantage. Tote: £6.90; £1.90, £1.30, £3.00. DF: £8.90. Trio: £84.10. CSF: £19.06. Tricast: £125.11.

2.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, ANDRE LAVAL (C O'Dwyer, 9-4); 2, Beaurepaire (S McNeill, 11-2); 3, Rainbow Castle (P Hide, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Le Meille (4th). 4 ran. NR: Fiddlers Pike, Mr Invader, Top Of Peace. 1¾l, 4l, dist. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.90; £3.10. DF: £9.20. CSF: £11.56.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, MORSTOCK (T Dascombe, 3-1); 2, River Pirate Penny (B Fenton, 4-6 fav); 3, Hamilton Silk (R Dunwoody, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9 Vision Of Freedom (4th). 4 ran. 2l, dist, dist. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £4.20 DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.69.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, KOO'S PROMISE (T Dascombe, 8-11); 2, Bridepark Rose (S Fox, 11-4); 3, Go-The-Tempo (A Thornton, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4-9 fav Second Call (4th). 4 ran. NR: Gunde. Nk, dist, dist. C Popham at Taunton. Tote: £5.10. DF: £8.50. CSF: £26.26.

4.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, KILMINGTON (P Hide, 11-2); 2, Captain Jack (R Dunwoody, 9-4); 3, Atavistic (M A Fitzgerald, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Hunters Rock (5th), 12 Manasonic (4th), 20 Red Bronze, 25 Black Statement (pu), 33 The Brewer, 66 Miss Secret (6th), Young Tycoon, 100 Mr Jasper (pu). 11 ran. NR: Millersford, Southwee Scandals. 3l, sh hd, 6l, 1¼l, 25l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £5.20; £1.30, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £9.70 Trio: £39.50. CSF: £18.39.

Placepot: £12,540.10 (0.74 winning tickets. Pool of £4,408.01 carried forward to Ascot today).

Quadpot: £1,444.20 (0.75 winning tickets. Pool of £487.93 carried forward to Ascot today).

Warwick

Going: good

1.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, EASTERN RIVER (A Bates, 9-4 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Flapjack Lad (D Walsh, 5-2); 3, Channel Pastime (Guy Lewis, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Cracking Frost (pu), 5 Henley Wood (pu), 33 River Red (4th). 6 ran. 13l, 7l, dist. T Forster at Downton. Tote: £3.00; £2.00, £2.50. DF: £5.30. CSF: £8.28.

1.50 (2m 3f hdle) 1, SIR PAGEANT (D Bridgwater, 10-1); 2, Bright Sapphire (D J Burchell, 10-1); 3, Kalbalou (Mr O McPhail, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Hacketts Cross (5th), 5 Shuttlecock, Tamandu (4th), 6 Conwell, Slepton (f), 9 Gunmaker, 11 Ray River (6th), 14 John Naman, King Of Babylon, 40 Colour Scheme (pu). 12 ran. NR: Commanche Storm. 2l, 5l, hd, 10l, 2l. K Bridgwater at Lapworth. Tote: £11.20; £2.60, £3.00, £17.70. DF: £41.50. Trio: £262.20 (part won; pool of £295.54 carried forward to 3.40 at Ascot today). CSF: £100.20. Tricast: £3,487.23.

2.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, DOMAPPEL (T Kent, 7-2); 2, Runaway Pete (A P McCoy, 7-4 fav); 3, Grosseman (Mr A Wintle, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Teen Jay (f), 5 Winsford Hill (4th), 50 Rosehall (5th). 6 ran. NR: Khalidi. 9l, 21l, 7l, 11l. Mrs J Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £4.50; £2.10, £1.80. DF: £5.10. CSF: £9.66.

2.50 (3m 2f ch) 1, DROMHANA (A P McCoy, 13-8 fav); 2, The Shy Padre (W Marston, 5-1); 3, Anythingyoulike (M Richards, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Coney Road (6th), 9 Parliamentarian, 10 The Brud (ur), 14 Arctic Madam (5th), 16 Peptic Lady (4th), 33 Inch Emperor (pu). 9 ran. 2l, 7l, ½l, 8l, dist. P Nicholls at Shepton Mallet. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.80, £6.10. DF: £5.10. Trio: £50.00. CSF: £10.17.

3.20 (3m 2f ch) 1, CLASS OF NINETYTWO (A P McCoy, 2-1); 2, Idiot's Lady (W Marston, 5-2). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Sounds Strong (f). 3 ran. NR: Full Of Oats. 2l. T Forster at Downton. Tote: £2.80. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.11.

3.50 (2m) 1, HURRICANE LAMP (A Maguire, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Smolensk (M Moloney, 16-1); 3, Chiclowicks (R Farrant, 9-4 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Break The Rules, 11-2 Kilcarne Bay (4th), 15-2 White Claret, 25 Mr Rough (pu), Tomal, 33 Above The Cut (6th), 66 Don't Mind If I Do, Evezio Rufo (5th), 100 Mr Darcy, 150 Becky's Girl, Persian Butterfly (pu), The Deaconess. 15 ran. 5l, ¾l, 4l, 4l, 7l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £4.00; £2.30, £2.60, £1.70. DF: £45.10. Trio: £24.80. CSF: £38.46.

Jackpot: £7,100.00 (0.3 winning tickets. Pool of £4,510.23 carried forward to Ascot today).

Placepot: £365.70. Quadpot: £11.70.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.00 Chadleigh Lane. 12.30 Dissentor. 1.00 Portend. 1.30 Best Of All. 2.00 Catria. 2.30 Legal Issue. 3.00 Head Girl. 3.30 Code Red.

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12.00 RIVER IDLE CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,048: 1m) (14 runners)

1 152- JOSEPH'S WINE 609 (C,D,F,G) D Nicholls 7-9-7 Alex Greaves 9
2 1635 MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 24 (V,C,D,G) Miss S Wilton 6-9-3 M Tebbutt 3
3 0 SAXON BAY 59 K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-3 D R McCabe 8
4 3680 ARCUS 7 W Muir 3-8-13 J Wilkinson (7) 12
5 0650 UNDAWATERSCUBADIVA 80 M Bielby 4-8-13 A Culhane 10
6 4006 NORTH ARDAR 18 (CD,F,G) T Wall 6-8-11 DOUBTFUL 2
7 5404 CHADLEIGH LANE 11 (CD,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-9 F Lynch (3) 1
8 3612 ELTON LEDGER 18 (V,C,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-9 Emma O'Gorman 7
9 0600 SHEDANSAR 4 (B) R Spicer 4-8-9 J O'Reilly 14
10 00 BLONDANE 261 S Bowring 3-8-5 D McKeown 13
11 0000 HAVANA MISS 4 (G) B Pailing 4-8-4 A Clark 11
12 -200 MEDLAND 10 (D,F,G) B McMath 6-8-3 D Biggs 5
13 65 RUBY ANGEL 11 H Candy 3-8-0 C Rutter 6
14 0-00 EMEI SHAN 8 W Turner 3-7-10 N Adams 4

3-1 Elton Ledger, 7-2 Joseph's Wine, 7-1 Mustn't Grumble, 8-1 others.

12.30 FARMERS WEEKLY HANDICAP (Div I: £2,048: 7f) (16)

1 8500 SHERAZ 123 (C,G) N Tinkler 4-10-0 C Rutter 4
2 3003 SHONTAINE 8 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-9-13 D Holland 8
3 8000 BEN GUNN 13 (D,F,S) P Walwyn 4-9-12 D Griffiths (5) 5
4 0330 RENNYHOLME 169 (G) J Hetherton 5-9-10 N Adams 12
5 4004 SURF CITY 11 W Haigh 3-9-10 J Quinn 9
6 3400 GUY'S GAMBLE 22 (CD,G) J Wharton 3-9-7 G Duffield 7
7 0020 SCATHEBURY 8 (D,F,G) K Burke 3-9-7 D R McCabe 16
8 2000 NKAPEN ROCKS 56 J Wilson 3-9-6 S D Williams 15
9 5450 DISSENTOR 15 (V,C,G) J Glover 4-9-4 G Carter 2
10 1000 DE-VEERS CURRIE 53 (S) D Moffatt 4-9-4 D McKeown 1
11 0300 TRULY BAY 60 T Barron 3-9-3 Victoria Appleby (7) 6
12 0000 TIME CLASH 11 (F,G) B Palling 3-9-3 R Perham 13
13 0000 MAPENGO 15 (G) J Cullinan 5-9-2 V Slattery 3
14 0000 REEM FEVER 32 D Arbuthnot 3-9-0 A Clark 10
15 2009 ECCENTRIC DANCER 11 (B) M Bielby 3-8-13 P McCabe (3) 11
16 0004 NAPOLEON'S RETURN 4 (D,F) J Eyre 3-8-12 R Lappin 14

7-2 Shontaine, 7-1 Sheraz, Surf City, 8-1 Napoleon's Return, 10-1 Rennyholme, Time Clash, Scathebury, 12-1 others.

1.00 TRENT APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,085: 5f) (17)

1 5205 ANSELLMAN 27 (B,D,F,G,S) J Berry 6-10-0 P Roberts 12
2 1000 SADDLEHOME 6 (D,F,G,S) T Barron 7-9-10 Victoria Appleby (5) 6
3 6362 CHADWELL HALL 14 (D,F,G,S) S Bowring 5-9-10 J Bramhill (5) 17
4 2001 PALACEGATE JACK 17 (CD,F,G,S) C Dwyer 5-9-10 F Lynch 4
5 0004 PORTEND 6 (C,D,G,S) S Bowring 4-9-8 A Daly 3
6 0020 SHADOW JURY 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 6-9-5 P Fessey 7
7 2206 WOLLSTONECRAFT 17 J Gosden 3-9-0 Martin Dwyer 1
8 0000 ANTONIAS MELODY 24 (B,G,S) S Bowring 3-8-0 C Teague 9
9 6200 PERFECT BRAVE 14 (F) J Balding 5-9-0 G Faulkner (3) 15
10 0040 SILK COTTAGE 7 (D,G) R Whitaker 4-8-12 P Fredericks (5) 10
11 1043 SQUIRE CORRIE 44 (D,F,G) D Chapman 4-8-10 D Wright 2
12 4051 KALAR 7 (B,CD,F,G) D Chapman 7-8-10 (7ex) D R McCabe 5
13 0800 MASTER OF PASSION 14 (D,F,G) J Eustace 7-8-9 D Sweeney (3) 6
14 1320 PRIMULA BAIRN 66 (B,D,G,S) D Nicholls 6-8-5 Claire West (5) 13
15 1000 WINDRUSH BOY 15 (D,F,G) J Bosley 6-7-10 P Doe (5) 16
16 5000 SIR TASKER 172 (CD,F,G) J L Harris 8-7-10 N Varley 11
17 0000 AMY LEIGH 38 (B,CD,G) J Wilson 3-7-10 Angela Hartley (7) 14

7-2 Ansellman, 9-2 Palacegate Jack, 5-1 Chadwell Hall, 8-1 Kalar, Portend, 10-1 Wollstonecraft, 12-1 Primula Bairn, Squire Corrie, 14-1 others.

1.30 RIVER IDLE CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,048: 1m) (13)

1 MR BUSBY J L Harris 3-9-5 D McKeown 11
2 0032 SCHOOL BOY 8 T Naughton 3-9-5 D Holland 1
3 6502 GENUINE JOHN 70 J Parkes 3-9-3 P McCabe (3) 12
4 5202 BEST OF ALL 11 (E,D,F,S) J Berry 4-9-2 G Carter 13
5 AUCHINLECK JUDGE R McKellar 3-8-11 M Wigham 3
6 3205 HORNPIPE 155 J Wharton 4-8-10 S D Williams 7
7 6515 SPENCER'S REVENGE 195 (B,CD,F,G) N Tinkler 7-8-9 C Rutter 4
8 -008 ANAXAGORAS 4 (B,S) S Gollings 6-8-7 J Quinn 6
9 0000 MANABAR 71 (D,G) M Polglase 4-8-7 T G McLaughlin 2
10 -000 NORTHERN CHIEF 181 (D,F,S) J Cullinan 6-8-7 V Slattery 8
11 9-0 RUNNING GREEN 24 D Moffatt 5-8-5 Darren Moffatt (3) 5
12 4050 ORIEL LAD 28 (F,S) E Incisa 3-8-3 Kim Tinkler 10
13 -000 GALACIA 11 W Turner 4-7-12 N Adams 9

9-2 Spencer's Revenge, 5-1 Best Of All, 6-1 School Boy, 7-1 Genuine John, Hornpipe, 8-1 Oriel Lad, 10-1 Galacia, 12-1 others.

2.00 GRAND UNION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,105: 6f) (15)

1 6405 SECRET COMBE 22 (D,G) P Makin 9-7 D Sweeney (7) 13
2 3241 EROSION 4 (C,G) M Johnston 9-6 (6ex) D Holland 11
3 531 ARAPI 25 (D,G) M Prescott 9-5 G Duffield 9
4 2420 PETITE DANSEUSE 22 (BF,F,G) C Dwyer 9-3 C Dwyer 8
5 245 KUSTOM KIT XPRES 148 S Bowring 9-1 S D Williams 6
6 6026 CATRIA 17 J Gosden 8-13 W Ryan 2
7 033 SIOUXROUGE 97 P Haslam 8-11 G Carter 4
8 4114 ENCHANTING EVE 143 (CD,G) C Allen 8-11 Martin Dwyer (5) 14
9 014 SHERZETTO 102 (D,F) D Chapman 8-10 A Culhane 12
10 3043 KOMASTA 155 J Wilson 8-7 Angela Hartley (7) 5
11 0054 VILLAGE PUB 11 (B) K Cunningham-Brown 8-7 D R McCabe 3
12 1210 C-HARRY 22 (D,G,S) R Hollinshead 8-4 F Lynch (3) 10
13 4001 STRAT'S QUEST 31 (D,S) D Arbuthnot 8-4 J Quinn 7
14 4005 BARRESBO 10 C Fairhurst 7-13 P Fessey (5) 15
15 5000 MANHATTAN DIAMOND 13 A Bailey 7-10 Iona Wands (7) 1

4-1 Arapi, 6-1 Catria, 8-1 Erosion, Secret Combe, 10-1 Strat's Quest, 12-1 Petite Danseuse, Enchanting Eve, 14-1 others.

2.30 FARMERS WEEKLY HANDICAP (Div II: £2,048: 7f) (16)

1 0000 ENCORE M'LADY 20 (D,F,G,S) F Lee 5-10-0 C Rutter 7
2 5400 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 18 (D,F,G,S) J Watts 8-10-0 G Duffield 3
3 0432 STATISTICIAN 8 (B,F) John Berry 4-9-13 C Dwyer 2
4 0050 SQUARE DEAL 18 (CD,G) S Bowring 5-9-12 S D Williams 12
5 0055 LEGAL ISSUE 18 (D,F,G,S) W Haigh 4-9-9 P McCabe (3) 1
6 0425 NIGHT HARMONY 8 Miss S Wilton 3-9-9 M Tebbutt 10
7 0001 LEIGH CROFTER 11 (B,D,F,G,S) P Cundell 7-9-7 (6ex) D Holland 13
8 3000 CHARMING BRIDE 3 (B,D,G) S Williams 3-9-6 D Wright 5
9 000- RUMPELSTILTSKIN 543 H Howe 4-9-4 F Lynch (3) 9
10 -225 WELSH MELODY 258 (G) K Burke 3-9-2 A Clark 15
11 0500 CRAIGIE BOY 30 (G,S) N Bycroft 6-9-1 J Carlton 16
12 0500 EBONY BOY 144 (CD,G) J Wharton 3-9-0 C Teague (3) 8
13 3202 THE BARNSLEY BELLE 18 J Eyre 3-9-0 R Lappin 14
14 6000 LITHE SPIRIT 4 J A Harris 4-8-13 D McKeown 11
15 0600 SUMMER PRINCESS 4 (V) A Streeter 3-8-12 M Wigham 6
16 -000 RAPIER POINT 23 (G) C Murray 5-8-11 G Carter 4

5-1 Statistician, 7-1 The Barnsley Belle, 8-1 Leigh Crofter, Sagebrush Roller, Night Harmony, 10-1 Encore M'Lady, Craigie Boy, 12-1 others.

3.00 SEVERN SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,398: 7f) (15)

1 5309 COMPACT DISC 17 M Johnston 8-9 D Holland 2
2 06 COOL GREY 18 J J O'Neill 8-9 J Quinn 7
3 55 DIAMOND EYRE 18 J Eyre 8-9 R Lappin 12
4 000 DIAMONDS ARE 4 (V) D Thom 8-9 D R McCabe 14
5 2052 EKATERINI PARITSI 7 (V) W Turner 8-9 D Sweeney (7) 10
6 2455 HEAD GIRL 32 C Thornton 8-9 D McKeown 13
7 0000 HOPPERETTA 18 B Palling 8-9 A Clark 6
8 KATHERINE J Ringer 8-9 M Wigham 8
9 00 MECHILIE 20 J Payne 8-9 M Tebbutt 9
10 00 MISSION HEIGHTS 165 X Burke 8-9 G Carter 3
11 08 MUSTANG SCALLY 18 J Mackie 8-9 J Fanning 1
12 0004 RACING CARR 18 T Naughton 8-9 J D Smith (3) 15
13 5030 ROYAL ROULETTE 20 (B) S Woods 8-9 D Biggs 4
14 SHOWGIRL J Wilson 8-9 S D Williams 5
15 0500 THEWRIGHTONE 15 (B) G Oldroyd 8-9 M McAndrew 11

5-2 Head Girl, 9-2 Ekaterini Paritsi, 5-1 Royal Roulette, 6-1 Compact Disc, 10-1 Racing Carr, 12-1 Diamond Eyre, 14-1 others.

3.30 CUCKMERE HANDICAP (£2,398: 1m 6f) (13)

1 0006 CLASSIC ROMANCE 11 (S) R Harris 3-10-0 D Batteate 8
2 0000 BLACKPATCH HILL 17 (B,G,S) N Tinkler 7-9-10 Kim Tinkler 2
3 1530 GREEK NIGHT OUT 18 (CD,F,G) J Eyre 5-9-7 D Sweeney (7) 3
4 5503 CODE RED 6 W Muir 3-9-6 J Wilkinson (7) 10
5 0042 COMPASS POINTER 11 J Eustace 3-9-6 Martin Dwyer (5) 13
6 0053 OUR MAIN MAN 7 (F) R Whitaker 6-9-5 A Culhane 12
7 060U MR SPECULATOR 15 (V,F) J Banks 3-8-13 G Faulkner (5) 9
8 1260 DRAMA KING 11 (G) S Bowring 4-8-13 J Quinn 11
9 0401 PEEP O DAY 15 (F,S) J Eyre 5-8-12 D Holland 6
10 0/0 APPEARANCE MONEY 211 F Murphy 5-8-6 D Hayden (7) 1
11 -601 TAGATAY 115 (F) M Camacho 3-8-3 G Carter 7
12 0436 TABLETS OF STONE 11 (E) J Bosley 3-8-1 D Wright 5
13 6000 BOLD JOKER 126 G Oldroyd 5-7-10 N Varley (3) 4

7-2 Code Red, 4-1 Our Main Man, 9-2 Peep O Day, 5-1 Compass Pointer, 10-1 Tagatay, Drama King, 12-1 Classic Romance, 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 3 winners from 12 runners, 25.0%; J Payne, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Johnston, 42 from 212, 19.8%; J Banks, 7 from 38, 18.4%; W Haigh, 23 from 131, 17.6%; M Prescott, 20 from 119, 16.8%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 18 winners from 95 rides, 18.9%; D Biggs, 33 from 188, 17.6%; C Dwyer, 3 from 20, 15.0%; F Lynch, 14 from 95, 14.6%; P Roberts, 6 from 46, 13.0%; C Teague, 22 from 171, 12.9%.

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GOLF: WAY AND McLEAN SAMPLE PERILS OF EUROPEAN TOUR QUALIFYING EVENT AS THEY SEEK TO RE-ESTABLISH CAREERS

Prodigies reunited at school of hard knocks

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN SAN ROQUE

PAUL WAY and Mike McLean were two names to watch in British junior golf in the late Seventies. They were straight out of the Bash Street Kids, with mischief in their eyes and cheeks as rosy as Kentish apples. Irreverent and cocky, they brought fame to the Hugh Christie School in Tonbridge.

Not that either was a keen student — one got into trouble for practising on the school playing fields — but it did not matter. Golf was going to be their livelihood, that much was certain. They were prodigies.

Way was the cockier of the two, the more outspoken, the one who did everything at 100mph. He had all the confidence of youth. Alex Hay, the professional at Woburn and BBC commentator, once said that Way swung the club more naturally than anyone he had seen. Way was the powerful one: McLean, always a short hitter, the more subtle. Way tried to overpower courses, McLean to outwit them.

Born within three weeks of one another in 1963, they turned professional in 1981. It took McLean only two years to win a tournament, and that year, Way, who had been a Walker Cup player at 18, became the second youngest Ryder Cup player for Europe.

Last season, Way won £24,300, McLean £37,700. Even combined, it amounts to £800,000 less than Colin Montgomerie won to finish top of the order of merit.

For the two men of Kent to compete on the European Tour next year, they had to submit themselves to the rigours of the qualifying school, and since they had done almost everything else in their careers together, it was appropriate that their attempts to regain former glories began yesterday at precisely the same time, on the same course.

As Way and McLean practised their putting before beginning their rounds, they were surrounded by former colleagues such as Brian Marchbank, 38, the Scottish professional champion, and others they had never set eyes on before. "This is the second time I've been here," Marchbank, who competed on the Tour every year from 1979 to 1995, said. "I came last year and didn't make it. If I don't make it this year, I shall definitely not be back again. I've had enough. I shall have to find something else to do."

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McLean began well. He birdied two holes going out, but came home in a nervous 39 for a 73, six strokes behind Matthew Goggin, of Australia, the lowest scorer at San Roque. "That typified the way I have played all year," McLean said. "I just cannot be as aggressive as I ought to be and then I start to steer the ball from the tee. When I do that, I miss fairways."

His visor had the word "Ambiance" printed on it. "It's the name of a neighbour's shirt company," McLean explained. "The neighbour sponsors me. He has a son who has muscular dystrophy and is in a wheelchair, and I spend a lot of time with him. He's great. He plays golf from his wheelchair. When I look at him, I wonder: 'Why do I worry about myself?'"

Way, meanwhile, had had a nightmare of a round, in keeping with a season in which he missed the cut in 20 out of 26 events. Three strokes were squandered on the 8th, when his drive bounced on a cart-path and was never seen again, and when he left a putt short on the 10th, he swore in a way that would have earned him a fine for an audible obscenity had he been playing tennis. Was this really the man who had won the Dutch Open in 1982, the PGA championship in 1985 and the European Open in 1987?

There is a saying on the Tour that you cannot win a tournament on the first day, but you can lose it. After an 81, the highest of the day at San Roque, Way has surely lost all chance of continuing after the 72-hole cut. "I played dreadful," Way said, indicating that 15 years on the circuit has indoctrinated him in Tourspeak. "This is ridiculous, desperate stuff. I just don't know what's going on."

"I didn't enjoy that out there today," McLean said. "I know what the problem is with me. I have seen too many bad shots over the years and I worry about when one is going to come. Then I start steering the ball around and then I'm in trouble."

Way and McLean are only 33, the same age as Montgomerie and seven years younger than Costantino Rocca. They are worlds away from where they had once been. What price fame now?

Woods is lost as Norman breezes round

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN SYDNEY

GREG NORMAN headed off for a round with Bill Clinton yesterday afternoon, secure in the knowledge that the score he had posted in the morning, in the first round of the Australian Open at The Australian Club here, would be hard to beat. Sure enough, Norman's 67, five under par, was too good for the rest of the field, including Tiger Woods, who needed a birdie on the last hole to break 80 and was tied in 92nd place out of 126.

He was not alone, however. On a day when the breeze swirled every which way and only ten players broke par, Craig Parry and David Frost, both well-fancied, also had 79s. Klas Eriksson, a Swede who thinks Australian courses are wonderful, came closest to Norman, one shot behind. Robert Stephens, of Victoria, was third, on 69, with Gary Evans and David Howell, of England, in the group on 70.

Howell, 21, who is in his first year as a professional, started with an eagle three, double-bogeyed the short second, came back with four birdies and then dropped two shots in the last three holes. He is one of those rare beings to achieve something in golf that Woods now never will — he was on a winning Walker Cup team, a member of the Great Britain and Ireland side that beat the United States, Woods included, at Royal Porthcawl last year.

Yesterday, after a frustrating round, Woods said: "It was a rough day. My good shots turned out bad and my bad shots turned out horrible. I felt my decision-making was pretty good but I just couldn't execute the shots. I was out of rhythm. I've had a lot of days like that — more than I would like — but it's part of the game. I tried my heart out on each and every shot."

Norman, relaxed and affable, was more like his old self, unlike the sulky person who won the championship last year. Convinced that his collapse at the Masters in April was mechanical rather than mental, Norman has been working on a couple of swing changes with David Leadbetter. "They're very, very minor, but they feel huge to me," he said, "and I feel naked out there. Probably nobody else notices the difference, but it feels very, very strange and difficult to me."

This being the Australian Open and Woods being here, Norman, the competitor, forgot about swing changes and had his best thinking day on the golf course for some months. "I focused on my shots, not my swing," he said afterwards. He did not lose concentration after 13 or 14 holes, as he admitted he had been doing, and six birdies in all, with four in the five holes from the 11th, confirmed that the Shark was sharp.

Later, at the New South Wales club, where the security men had been preparing for the presidential visit for a couple of weeks, the President's opening drive was enough for Norman to send back to the pro's shop for more Maxflis.

Later, however, Norman was complimentary of his playing partner. "Give me 60 days and I'd have him breaking 80 every day. He has a lot of talent and knows about the game," he said.

Customs officers knuckle down to duty

FROM MEL WEBB
IN LA MANGA

IT WAS a fair cop: the forces of good had everybody bang to rights. The men from the Customs and Excise are used to making big-time arrests, and four of their number demonstrated their ability to feel collars yesterday when they moved in on the South course here and in one smooth operation laid one collective hand on a piece of crystalware with a street value of several thousand pounds.

The classy glass from Waterford Crystal is on offer to the national winners of *The Times* MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge, and nobody did better than the National Investigation Service of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise, who ended the first day of the competition with a four-point lead.

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David Tennant, of United Distillers, plays from the 7th of the South course yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

The Duty men — John Nicholson, Colin Tennant, Colin Shaw and Malcolm Woodall — could be proud of their Stableford points total of 85 (or 99.875 including VAT). Admittedly, it was a perfect day for golf, but the course is not easy, even when the conditions are as benign as they were here.

It is a fair golf course, but a tough one — those looking for easy conquests might as well push off somewhere down the *costa* where the sporting life is a little less taxing and where, no doubt, some of the Customs men's former clients are presently domiciled.

Customs and Excise have a narrow but potentially still vital advantage over ZET Insurance Services, with the head office of Allied Dunbar third on 79, one ahead of the Northern Ireland Civil Service Sports Association and Seton Healthcare. The four teams closest to the leaders all felt last night that they still had a chance of victory, but deeds of derring-do will be needed for it to happen.

"We were aware from things that filtered down to us that we were in the lead," Nicholson, the team captain, said. "That put us under even more pressure, and although we knew the television cameras were going to be there, we still found them daunting.

"We're really looking forward to tomorrow, though. This is one of those experiences that you're lucky to have once in a lifetime and, wherever we finish, we're going back to England on Saturday having thoroughly enjoyed our trip here. We've been made to feel special."

It seems that the two leading teams have been drawn together by kismet — they had never met before they travelled to Spain together on Tuesday, but already all eight are firm friends. Off the course, that is — on it they are trying, in the civilised way that golfers do these things, to slaughter each other.

The leaders produced the best score on the front nine of 44, and relied on sound teamwork, apart from two high spots. The first came on the 9th, when Tennant rammed in a high-speed putt from not far short of 30 feet for a birdie and four points. It was as well it dropped — if it had not, it was on its way to Alicante. The other highlight came on the 15th, where they had their only seven-point haul.

Meanwhile, mayhem ensued by the 18th green when David Lait, a member of the ZET team, put his ball high in a palm tree alongside the putting surface. Lait was told he had to identify his ball before he could take a penalty drop, and in the end it was left to Scott Moffat, one of the Challenge support team, to shin up the tree and knock Lait's ball down.

It involved ladders, metal rods and, finally, a golf club before the ball was dislodged. "It's not mine," Lait said with a broad grin. And the truly amazing thing is that somebody believed him.

SCORES

FIRST DAY: 85: HM Customs and Excise National Investigation Service. 81: ZET Insurance Services. 79: Allied Dunbar Head Office. 78: Northern Ireland Civil Service Sports Association: Seton Healthcare. 77: Arthur Andersen 76: United Distillers. 73: Armstrong Watson & Co. 71: Deloitte & Touche. 69: Jaguar Centre (Hull). 67: Reuters. 64: Charles Russell.

FOOTBALL

Unhappy Warnock states his case

BY DAVID POWELL

NEIL WARNOCK, the Plymouth Argyle manager, has taken the bold and unusual step of issuing a prepared statement to take his chairman to task over his running of the club. So troubled is Warnock, who led his team to promotion last season, that his document runs to 900 words.

Warnock stormed out of the Nationwide League second division home match with Chesterfield on Tuesday night before the final whistle, with Plymouth 3-0 down. "I went into the match against Chesterfield at my lowest ebb and told Mick Jones [his assistant] that mentally I was burnt out and now it was affecting my health," Warnock said in his statement, which he released on Wednesday night. "In fact, I felt so bad I walked out ten minutes before the end because I had had enough."

The manager was anxious yesterday to ensure that this should not be interpreted as a case similar to that of Steve Coppell. Coppell quit Manchester City, citing stress, but Warnock said yesterday that it was not that he could not take the pressure, but that he was "mentally fed up" at what he regarded as a lack of support from Dan McCauley, the Plymouth chairman.

"It [the club] is in crisis," Warnock's statement read. The manager complains of his frustration at failing to secure a budget and an impending maximum wage and relocation structure that, he suggests, would restrict him to non-League signings.

Warnock added yesterday that: "If he [the chairman] does not want the club to go forward, he has got the wrong manager. If things are not resolved, and this cannot go on much longer, it is pointless me carrying on."

Warnock said he was not worried how the chairman might react to his statement. "The worst thing that could happen is that I get the sack," Warnock said. "I thought: 'What have I got to lose?'"

☐ Ivano Bonetti, the Tranmere Rovers forward, won his civil lawsuit against Brian Laws, the former Grimsby Town manager, yesterday. A private hearing at the High Court in London ruled that Laws had no prospect of a successful defence and that a full trial was therefore unnecessary.

The case followed a dressing-room incident on February 10, when Bonetti was a Grimsby player, after the first division match at Luton Town. The Italian was left with a fractured cheekbone. The amount of money he will receive in damages has yet to be decided.

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CHANGING TIMES

SPORTS LETTERS

Telford championships offer worthy stage

From Mr John Cuffley

Sir, I found it difficult to relate my experience at the British national tennis championships to the comments in the opening paragraphs of Alix Ramsay's report (November 14).

The championships probably do come as a bit of a culture shock to a few of our top players, but this event gives a considerable number of up-and-coming players the opportunity to have a go at the leading British performers in serious competition, thereby not only improving their skills and experience but also, in some cases, beating them. That is the way to develop new champions.

I am surprised that the absence of windows in the building is criticised. There are plenty in the social area. Sport played indoors at this level needs to have good, even lighting conditions which the Telford Racquet Centre provides, especially in the centre court used for the main matches. Nobody there needs to look at the passing scene, while players, officials and spectators do not want the distraction of shadows or bright patches of sunlight on court due to changing conditions outside.

As for enthusiasm, most players showed great commitment and effort, though a few tended to acknowledge through body language, before the last point, when a lost match seemed inevitable. The spectators, however, especially for the centre court, were numerous, appreciative, understanding and encouraging, even in the earlier stages of the championships.

The spectators were particularly tolerant of the temper tantrums shown at times by one or two players, some of whom progressed to the later rounds. Some should have been old enough to know better. As a number of school parties attended during the week for coaching, as well as to see quality tennis, I felt it unfortunate that a small minority of players let themselves down by unseemly screeching over big points.

If some of the higher-ranked players suffered from championship torpor, having played an exhausting programme through the summer, that is perhaps the time when they should be toppled from their perches by youthful successors. That, after all, is the law of the jungle, which is reflected in international sport.

Yours sincerely,
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Rub of the green

From Mr Alan Wells

Sir, Your article about the putting woes of Mike Clayton (November 16) reminded me of an unusual incident on the green, experienced by the professional, Harry Bannerman (of 1971 Ryder Cup fame, when he halved with Arnold Palmer in the morning and beat Gardner Dickinson in the afternoon singles).

A few years ago Harry was playing in the North East Winter Alliance at Royal Aberdeen. Into the teeth of a howling gale, at the shortish par four 5th hole, he had hit two mighty blows to reach the green and as he stalked his putt, he took the flagstick out of the cup and laid it to the side of the hole. Before he putted, the force of the wind rolled the flagstick across the green and hit the ball. There was reputedly much amusement and no little consternation as to the penalty (if any) involved.

The decision taken by Harry was a two-stroke penalty, which, with the nature of the weather and the scoring, was all fairly academic, but I've often wondered what the Royal and Ancient's ruling would have been as the ball did not strike the flagstick, but the flagstick struck the ball.

Yours faithfully,
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Sadly missed

From Mr P. A. Tyler

Sir, Sir Donald Bradman's place among the great Test captains is indisputable, but John Woodcock (The Great Captains, November 13) is mistaken when he names Grimmett as one of the bowlers who contributed to Bradman's successful captaincy. O'Reilly, Lindwall, Miller, yes; but the end of Grimmett's Test career coincided with Bradman's accession to the leadership of Australia. He never played a Test match under Bradman.

Grimmett was sadly missed in 1936-37 and 1938 by his old partner, O'Reilly.

Yours faithfully,
P. A. TYLER,
Wildwood, The Hyde,
Winchcombe, Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.

From Mr C. J. F. Pavey

Sir, When John Woodcock writes "The pity is that he [Mike Brearley] never pitted his wits against West Indies" he refers to Test matches. Here are a couple of extracts from *Wisden* on the 1976 season: "Middlesex won by four wickets, inflicting on West Indies the first defeat of their tour. The badly under-strength Middlesex team performed wonders . . ." and "T. N. Pearce's XI won by two wickets. This second defeat of the tour for the West Indies followed that by Middlesex at Lord's early in August and as eight Middlesex players were in Pearce's XI, it was another personal triumph for Brearley."

That Brearley never led England against West Indies is a matter of wide regret.

Yours truly,
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Unhappy memories for Astle

From Mr John Moynihan

Sir, Keith Pike included Jeff Astle's "sad toe-poke" for England against Brazil in the 1970 World Cup finals in his list of great football misses (November 16).

I was sitting among a group of England supporters a few yards away from the net in Guadalajara, Mexico, that steaming hot day when the England substitute (for Bobby Charlton) was presented with a glorious chance of putting his team level after Jairzinho had put Brazil ahead in the second half.

We were still savouring the magic of Gordon Banks's save from Pelé at the same end in the first half and a goal from the West Bromwich Albion striker would have capped an extraordinary afternoon for the followers of the reigning World Cup champions.

A toe-poke might well have done the trick — but with Félix quivering yards away as a redundant goalkeeper, Astle, with two open farm gates to aim at, used his left foot to shoot too quickly past the near left-hand post.

I recorded in my diary: "Astle stood there with his shoulders sagging. My friend Harry from Liverpool turned to me, his face squinting rage. 'By Christ, did you see that?' 'He could have blown the bugger in. My grandma could have put that away . . .' "

I can still hear the Brazilian fans yelling with glee . . . and so too must Jeff Astle.

Sincerely,
JOHN MOYNIHAN,
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Unhappy motto

From Mr David J. Watkin

Sir, Professor Emeritus Herbert H. Huxley's letter (November 15), discussing the use of Latin mottoes by professional football clubs, prompts me to share with your readers perhaps the only example of their use by football supporters themselves.

The West Bromwich Albion fanzine (*Grorty Dick*) has adopted a motto which is particularly appropriate to our club and, I'm sure, to many others. Under a shield, with a distinctly unhappy version of the club's traditional throstle, is the maxim *Semper te fallant* [sic] (They always let you down)!

Yours faithfully,
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TENNIS

Brilliance of Becker is too much for Sampras

FROM DAVID MILLER IN HANOVER

IN A little more than two hours of glorious tennis, Boris Becker, the Australian Open champion who turns 29 today, defeated Pete Sampras, the US Open champion, 7-6, 7-6, in the round-robin stage of the world championship of the Association of Tennis Professionals. The two sets contained a torrent of brilliant shots by both men, adversity being instantly met with counter-attack. Sampras had his chances to have won either set, and not just in the first tie-break.

On a day that began with Andre Agassi, who has pulled out of the rest of the tournament because of illness, being fined five per cent of his tour earnings for the year — some £35,000 and excluding grand-slam event winnings, which for him has not been much — Becker and Sampras brought adventure, courage, excellence and dignity. Agassi's fine was for failing to appear at the draw on Monday, rather than playing like a dunce against Sampras on Wednesday.

After his straight-sets victory against Yevgeny Kafelnikov on the opening day, Becker is assured of his place in the semi-finals tomorrow, though it is worth noting that on the four occasions that he and Sampras have previously met in the round-robin stage, the loser has gone on to win the final.

These were the best two consecutive sets I have seen this year. After Becker's five-set victory over Sampras in the final in Stuttgart three weeks ago, Sampras knew well enough beforehand that he would again be confronting both Becker and a boisterous home crowd. Yet the 15,000 spectators in the exhibition hall were predominantly as sporting as the contestants.

Only towards the finish, and especially on the two match points, did Sampras become irritated by one or two shouts of bias. When, during the exciting first set, a few spectators had cheered a first service fault, the bulk of the audience had whistled disapprovingly.

It soon became evident that this match was to be something special. The second, third and fourth games ran to a total of eight deuces and 34 points, including three break points, four of them Sampras's, and none of them secured.

The first conspicuous unforced error did not arrive until the 28th point of the match, as Becker tenaciously, and successfully, fought to hold his serve for 2-2. With an open court at 40-0, he put a forehand volley at the net just beyond the baseline.

Both men revealed the level of nerve and a technical quality that has won them a multitude of championships, Becker being the leading contemporary player in the accumulation of indoor titles. At times he may seem like a bull, and yesterday his was the more severe serve over the two hours. Yet at moments he can tread his way through the trickiest of china shops with a fine touch that belies his muscularity. He could never intimidate Sampras, however, whose temperament throughout was Becker's equal.

When Sampras led 5-4 and two double faults by Becker left the German standing three set points down, the set seemed surely to belong to Sampras. Now we saw Becker at his inimitable best.

Two aces followed by a superb, deep forehand volley brought him to deuce. Another ace and a rally that ended with dinked cross-court backhand by Sampras that dropped wide made it 5-5.

Becker led 5-3 in the tie-break and then had his first set point 6-5. Each in turn had two set points as the score climbed to 9-9. A third for Becker was denied him in a 16-stroke rally when Sampras eventually forced him into a forehand error. On his fourth set point, at 11-10, Becker got home after another long rally.

Neither man could sustain such a level of play and the second set proceeded almost ordinarily to 3-3. Becker trailed 30-0, only to unearth once more his powers of resilience. A retrieving half-volley, then another retrieving backhand — when he fell but still climbed back to his feet to put away a winner on his next shot — gave him 30-all. He was then 40-30 down, yet still saved the game to lead 4-3.

Sampras had a further chance to level the match when he broke service to lead 5-4. Becker replied by breaking back for 5-5.

It went to another tie-break and in a trice, Becker was leading 4-0. Sampras clambered back to 5-3, but an ace gave Becker two match points. Sampras, after a long wait for the noise to subside, saved the first with a deep second service, but two superb backhands by Becker carried the day.

☐ Britain begin their quest to win promotion to the champions' division of the European Women's Team Championship today when they play Denmark at the Redbridge Sports Centre, Barkingside, Essex.

The other teams in the blue group of the first division are Poland, who Britain play tomorrow, and Spain, their opponents on Sunday, who are favourites to win the group and promotion. The Britain team consists of Sam Smith, Rachel Violett, Clare Wood and Megan Miller.

The team that finishes second in the group will remain in the first division, while the two teams in third and fourth places will be relegated to the second.

RESULTS

ROUND ROBIN: White group: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt R Krajicek (Holl) 6-4, 6-7, 7-6; M Chang (US) bt Ivanisevic 6-7, 7-6, 6-1. Red group: B Becker (Ger) bt P Sampras (US) 7-6, 7-6.

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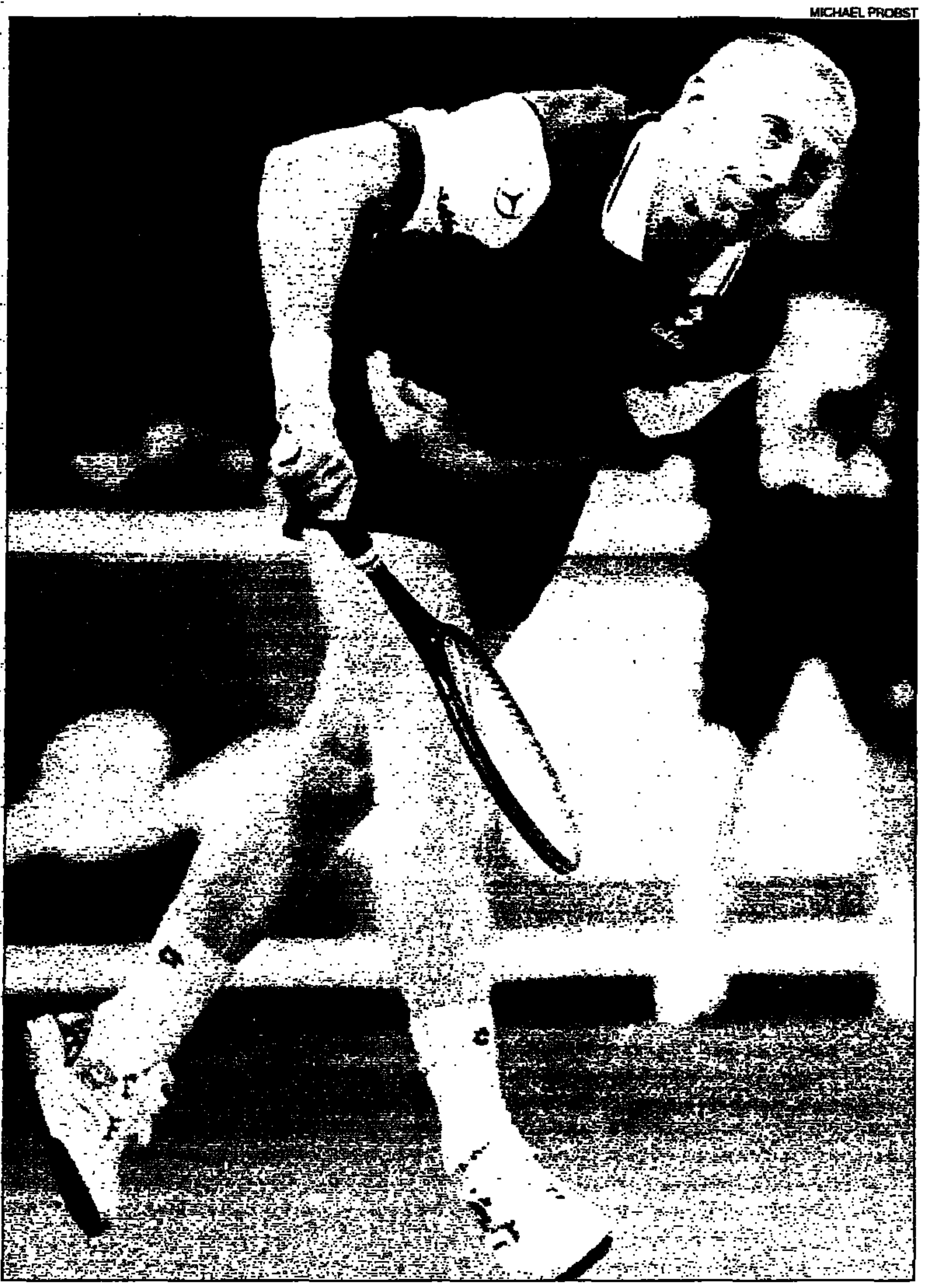

Becker delivers another ace during his memorable victory over Sampras in straight sets yesterday

Martinez makes break point

FROM ALIX RAMSAY
IN NEW YORK

TENNIS players are a strange breed. The pampered few can, and will, complain about absolutely anything. This week at the Chase Championships has been no exception, with the top players having a good old moan about how hard they have to work for their not inconsiderable pay packets. The season is too long, there are no breaks, holidays are few and far between — it is a tough life as a millionaire tennis player.

It is also remarkable how complaining and losing seem to go hand in hand. All those who have expressed doubts over the new ranking system, due to come into effect next year, have either lost at Madison Square Garden or come here on the back of a defeat elsewhere. The new system is designed to encourage players to play more: the more tournaments you play, the better your chances of moving up the rankings.

Steffi Graf, who pulled out of the final in Philadelphia last week, Conchita Martinez, who lost in the first round of the same tournament, and Monica Seles, who retired injured here on Tuesday, have all complained that they are too tired to play their best all year round. Certainly, Martinez was not at her best but was good enough to defeat Judith Wiesner 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, in the first round on Wednesday night.

It was not a great match. Martinez is still suffering from a virus and, to make matters worse, she tweaked a hamstring at the end of the second set. But against Wiesner she did enough. With the win in the bag, Martinez promptly announced that, ideally, she would like the players to have three months off at the end of every year.

"I think that the season is too long, we play a lot of tournaments this year with the Olympics, Fed Cup — it is really way too much," she said. "We are one of the few sports that doesn't have an off-season and we are fighting for that. Hopefully, one day we will get it and then we can have time to recover from our injuries."

Her compatriot, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, is only angling for a two-month break but is still adding her weight to the argument. She made her way into the quarter-finals by beating Brenda Schultz-McCarthy 6-4, 7-6 in 71 minutes.

Since she overtook Graf at the top of the rankings at the beginning of last year, Sánchez Vicario has not been the same player. This year she has reached a hatful of finals but has seldom managed to win. She was so fed up with life last month that she took a holiday and did not touch a racket for three weeks. "I think it's true that we don't have so much time off because there are so many tournaments and you have to play most of them," she said. "But I think three months off is too much."

Two players, though, Jana Novotna and Martina Hingis, have hit top form on their way to Manhattan and there has not been a peep out of them about their workload. In fact, Novotna, having brushed aside Amanda Coetzer 6-4, 6-1 to increase her winning streak to 13 matches, said: "I am looking forward to the ranking change. The system we had in the past was encouraging players not to play, and I think that's not right."

SAILING

Tibbs takes lead as fleet heads for Horn

BY EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT

CHRIS TIBBS, the skipper of *Concert*, who surprised many by finishing third in the first leg of the BT Global Challenge, took the early lead in the second as the fleet headed south towards Cape Horn yesterday, with a 20-knot easterly breeze pushing them along under full canvas.

This is a stage that proved decisive for the winning yacht, *Nuclear Electric*, last time round. Barring gear failure in the Southern Ocean, the chances are that the crew which gets to the Horn first will get away into new and stronger winds first, and not get caught before the finish at Wellington, New Zealand.

Four years ago, John Chittenden, then skipper of *Nuclear Electric*, made a break to the east of the pack as the fleet ran down the Brazilian coast and managed to pull out a lead of over 200 miles, which was enough to set up his overall victory. The early part of the second leg is a particularly tactical one, with the navigators and skippers having to decide whether to stay inshore or head out, as Chittenden did.

Two days after a wet and misty restart in light winds off Rio, it is too early for any dramatic moves. The yachts are closely bunched over a 50-mile front with only 14 miles between the leader and backmarker, Adrian Donovan's *Heath Insured II*.

Tibbs, who had the best start, has managed to hold his lead for now, but he is being pressed closely by the second-placed finisher in leg one, Simon Walker, on *Toshiba Wave Warrior*, with Andy Hindley, on *Save The Children*, on his heels.

Richard Merriweather, on *Commercial Union*, is in fourth place while the disabled crew on *Time & Tide* are doing well to hold ninth position, two places ahead of Mike Golding, the race leader, on *Group 4*, who had one of the worst starts. Among the skippers who will be hoping for a more convincing performance this leg is Richard Tudor, who has the helm on *Nuclear Electric*. He was one of the pre-race favourites, but never recovered from sticking to the African coast on the first leg and emerged at Rio in tenth place, neary 41 hours behind Golding.

A message from his crew, who were in fifth position yesterday, summed up feelings for many. "The Rio start was a far cry from our departure from Southampton — with only a handful of boats to see us off." From *Group 4*, meanwhile, signs of nervousness about what is coming after Cape Horn. "Our emotions are in turmoil as we set off on this most daunting leg."

IN BRIEF

Spracklen named as women's coach

MIKE SPRACKLEN, rowing coach to Steve Redgrave when he won his Olympic gold medals in Los Angeles and Seoul, is to return from the United States to join the British coaching team for the next Olympic Games (Mike Rosewell writes). He will be the women's chief coach from January 1.

Spracklen's American eights won world championship medals each year from 1993 to 1995.

With possible lottery money still awaited, the funding of the new position comes from XP Plc, which has sponsored the rapidly-improving British women's squad for two years under the coaching of Bill Mason.

Scotland ahead

Golf: Ernie Els and Wayne Westner, revelling in waterlogged conditions at the Erinvale course in Somerset West, South Africa, gave the home nation a two-stroke lead on the first day of the World Cup of Golf yesterday. The South Africans had an eight-under-par combined score of 136, ahead of Denmark. Scotland finished third on 139, thanks to scores of 69 from Paul Lawrie and 70 from Andrew Coltart.

Hope fading

Tenpin bowling: Gemma Burden, Britain's last hope in the Pepsi/AMF World Cup at the Dundonald Ice Bowl in Belfast, is fifth but looking resigned to losing the women's title she won last year in Brazil. In the men's singles, Paeng Nepomuceno, of the Phillipines, stretched his lead to 385 pins over his nearest rival, Sam Goh, of Singapore.

Hearing delayed

Athletics: The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) acceded to legal pressure yesterday and delayed the arbitration hearing for the drugs case of the Australian sprinter, Dean Capobianco, who tested positive for the steroid, stanozolol, at a meeting in Holland last May.

☐ John Walker, 44, the New Zealand world record miler and Olympic gold-medal winner, has Parkinson's disease. Walker was the first miler to run under 3min 50sec.

Snow advances

Real tennis: Julian Snow, the British No 1, underlined his good form when he reached the semi-finals of the British Land British open championship, defeating Ruaraidh Gunn for the loss of only five games. The Harbour Club professional, Lachie Deuchar, also reached the last four by coming through 6-5 in the final set against his fellow Australian, Frank Filippelli.

FOR THE RECORD

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GLASGOW: Scottish Open: Men: P G Christensen (Den) bt B Flockhart (Scot) 15-3, 15-7; Chen Wei (China) bt G Adolfsson (Ice) 15-5, 15-1; Jesper Olsson (Swe) bt B Abra (Can) 15-7, 15-9; P Jantti (Fin) bt R Nock (Eng) 7-15, 15-1, 15-12; M Beres (Can) w/o T Hukneda (Ger) scr; B Kristjansson (Ice) bt M Bundgaard (Switz) 15-9, 15-11; Saqib Majeed (Pak) bt A McMillan (Scot) 15-11, 15-7; A Boesen (Den) bt C Robertson (Scot) 15-2, 15-7; T Hovgaard (Den) bt S Bhembere (Can) 15-4, 15-2; I Sydie (Can) bt S Pasley (Scot) 15-3, 15-2; H Bengtsson (Swe) bt D Forbes (Scot) 15-1, 15-1; R Doling (Eng) w/o Li Chon (China) scr; J Meller (Scot) bt C Bissett (Scot) 15-4, 15-6; P Knowles (Eng) bt T Nielsen (Ice) 15-1, 15-4; Ji Xing-Peng (China) bt T Wapp (Switz) 15-7, 15-9; P Janum (Den) bt E Angulano (Guat) 15-5, 15-12.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston 82 Detroit 108; Philadelphia 92 Indiana 103; Washington 110 Seattle 115 (OT2); Charlotte 93 New York 86; San Antonio 81 LA Clippers 93; Vancouver 75 Miami 94; LA Lakers 97 Utah 113; Phoenix 99 Chicago 113
BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham 91 Leicester 76; Crystal Palace 63 Derby 87
7UP TROPHY: Manchester 72 Chester 83; Thames Valley 89 Worthing 78.
EUROPEAN LEAGUE: Group C: Villeurbanne (Fr) 74 Panathinaikos (Gr) 80; Barcelona (Sp) 70 Ljubljana (Slovenia) 71.

BOXING

WEMBLEY: British lightweight championship (12 rnds): Michael Ayers (Tooting) bt Colin Dunne (Holloway) rsc 9th. Heavy (6 rnds): Michael Sprott (Reading) bt Geoff Hunter (Manchester) rsc 1st. Welter (6 rnds): Kevin McCarthy (Letchley) bt Donovan Davey (Bradford) pts. Light-welter (6 rnds): Daniel James (Newmarket) bt Costa Konstadenis (Potters Bar) pts. Light (10 rnds): Billy Schwer (Luton) bt Jean-Michel Moulun (Fr) ret 7th.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results
EUROPEAN CUP CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE: Group A: Ajax 1 Auxerre 2; Rangers 2 Grasshopper Zurich 1. Group B: Steaua Bucharest 1 Atlético Madrid 1; Widzew Lodz 2 Borussia Dortmund 2. Group C: Fenerbahçe 1 Rapid Vienna 0; Manchester United 0 Juventus 1. Group D: FC Porto 1 AC Milan 1; Rosenborg 1 IFK Gothenburg 0.
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Liverpool 1 Everton 1.
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Charlton Athletic 2 Birmingham City 1. Second division: Millwall 2 Shrewsbury Town. Third division: Hull City 2 Torquay United 0.
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Spalding Cup: Second round: Gateshead 1 Morecambe 3.
DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Salisbury 1 Merthyr 3; Sittingbourne 0 Cambridge City 2. Southern division: Baldock 2 Waterlooville 2; Dartford 1 Fisher Athletic London 4. Midland division: Evesham 2 Tamworth 3; Paget 2 Stourbridge 1; VS Rugby 2 Corby 1.

GOLF

SYDNEY: Australian Open: Leading first-round scores (Australia unless stated): 67: G Norman. 68: K Eriksson (Swe). 69: R Stephens. 70: W Grady, B Partridge, R Green, D Howell (GB), G Evans (GB). 71: R Davis, R Muntz (Holl). 72: A Painter, A Percey, D Smail (NZ), J Cooper, P Marshall, J-L Guepy (Fr), S Alker (NZ). Other scores: 73: J Kelly (US). 74: R Byrd (US). 75: J Key (Can), M Long (NZ). 76: M Campbell (NZ), R Boxall, P McGinley (Ire). 77: R Goosen (SA). 78: S Pate (US), S Owen (NZ). 79: T Woods (US), D Frost (SA). 80: J J West (US).
EUROPEAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL: Leading first-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): San Roque: 67: M Goggin (Aus). 68: J Bickerton. 69: M Anglert (Swe), J Gronhagen (Swe), G Sherry. 70: J Healey. 71: G J Brand, S McAllister, A Tait. 72: A Beal, F Andersson (Swe), N Briggs, D Lynn, S Henderson, J McHenry, M Mannelli (It), R Winchester, S Mattson (Swe), D Probert, J Ramsey (Fr), D Tapping. 73: N Brown, F Clark, W Bennett, F Larsson (Swe), A Hansen (Den), A Hare, E Simsek (Ger), M Scholz (SA), J Quiros (Sp), H P Thuel (Ger), G Owen, P Nyberg (Swe), D A Russell, M Ure, C Post (Den), M McLean, S Thompson, A Reid, R Victor (Fr). 74: S Bennett, L Bond, P Sherman, E Carlberg (Swe), N Ludwell, B Pappas (SA), W Hewlett, D Lee, M Plummer, R Tinworth, D McKenzie (Aus). Sotogrande: 65: B Davis. 67: M Thompson, B Tinning (Den). 68: O Rojahn (Nor), J Skold (Swe), A Cruse (SA), G Garbero (US). 69: G Chalmers (Aus). 70: J Hodgson, S Allan (Aus), A Clapp, J Wade (Aus), G Barufaldi (It), A Binaghi (It), F Lindgren (Swe), M Scarpa (It), D Cole (Aus). 71: J Rosillo (Sp), C Duran (Switz), M Foster, N Fasth (Swe), L James, A Lebouc (Fr), S Delagrange (Fr), D Westermark (Swe). 72: S Cronin, R Jonsson (Swe), M Watson, P Golding, J Hawksworth, M Guzman (Arg), J-M Kula (Fr), G Nicklaus (US), R Jacquelin (Fr), S Pietrobono (It), A da Silva (Br), S Watson, S Burnell, S Gallacher, S Webster. 73: O Edmond (Fr), M Grankvist (Swe), K Stone (SA), A Haglund (Swe), O Eckstein (Ger), A Wall, M Welch, K Tomori (Japan), J M Carriles (Sp), D Dunakey (US), C Clark. 74: F Howley, D Terblanche (SA), B Ingleby, K Jones, E Giraud (Fr), T Levet (Fr), M Wills, C Whitelaw (SA).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford 3 Montreal 1; Florida 4 Los Angeles 1; Colorado 6 Phoenix 0; Dallas 3 Calgary 1; Anaheim 2 NY Islanders 2 (OT).
SUPERLEAGUE: Ayr 5 Sheffield 4.
PREMIER LEAGUE: Guildford 7 Medway 3.

RUGBY UNION

COUNTIES OF ORIGIN SERIES: North Counties 18 Queensland 27 (at Huddersfield); Western Counties 20 South Africa A 62 (at Exeter)
ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 2A: London Irish 22 Ebbw Vale 18
DUBAI: World Cup Sevens qualifiers: Pool A: Fiji 26 Russia 12; Russia 38 Botswana 3; Botswana 0 Fiji 70. Pool B: South Africa 54 Malaysia 0; Czech Republic 24 Malaysia 19. Pool C: Tonga 35 Denmark 7; Kenya 12 Denmark 19. Pool D: Wales 77 Singapore 0; Zimbabwe 54 Singapore 0; Zimbabwe 14 Wales 31. Pool E: Scotland 87 Zambia 0; Yugoslavia 14 Zambia 5. Pool F: United States 60 Sri Lanka 0; Ivory Coast 31 Sri Lanka 10. Pool G: Italy 41 Thailand 0; Morocco 38 Thailand 0. Pool H: Gulf 24 Tunisia 12.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: United Kingdom championship: Second round (England unless stated): K Doherty (Ire) bt D Taylor (N Ire) 9-4; T Drago (Malta) bt A Hicks 9-5; M Williams (Wales) bt Y Marchant (India) 9-3; J Parrott bt M Clark 9-8; A Hamilton bt D Gray 9-8; K Broughton bt C Small (Scot) 9-6; S Davis bt S Ali (Pak) 9-7; A McManus (Scot) bt G Wilkinson 9-7.

SQUASH

KARACHI: World Open: Semi-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt P Nicol (GB) 15-9, 15-9, 15-8; R Eyles (Aus) bt C Walker (GB) 15-12, 15-7, 14-15, 4-15, 15-14.
MONTE CARLO: Monte Carlo Women's Open: First round: M Martin (Aus) bt R Macree (Eng) 9-5, 9-6, 9-3; C Owens (Aus) bt J Martin (Eng) 9-5, 9-5, 9-6; C Jackman (Eng) bt R Cooper (Aus) 9-1, 9-4, 9-4; J Wilson (NZ) bt S Schöne (Ger) 10-8, 10-9, 9-2; L Irving (Aus) bt F Geaves (Eng) 10-9, 9-2, 6-9, 7-9, 9-6; S Horner (Eng) bt C Nach (SA) 9-1, 4-9, 7-9, 9-8, 9-6; S Wright (Eng) bt T Weeks (Aus) 9-1, 9-3, 9-4; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt P Beams (NZ) 10-8, 9-5, 9-6

TENNIS

NEW YORK: Women's Tennis Association world championship: First round: J Novotna (Cz) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-4, 6-1; C Martinez (Sp) bt J Wiesner (Austria) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) 6-4, 7-6.

TENPIN BOWLING

CASTLEREAGH, Northern Ireland: World Cup: Leading positions: Men (after 32 games): 1, P Nepomuceno (Phil) 6,941pins; 2, L Montiori (Sp) 6,717; 3, G Bulegato (It) 6,710; 4, S Marzooqi (UAE) 6,682; 5, D Hylen (US) 6,585. Women (after 32 games): 1, S Zulkifli (Malay) 6,726pins; 2, P Aalto (Fin) 6,628; 3, C Honeychurch (Aus) 6,622; 4, A van den Boogaart (Holl) 6,507; 5, G Burden (Eng) 6,473.

VOLLEYBALL

OSAKA, Japan: World super challenge: Holland bt Japan 15-5, 14-16, 15-0, 15-3; Italy bt South Korea 15-4, 13-15, 15-5, 16-14; Yugoslavia bt China 15-8, 15-6, 15-4

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Nationwide League
First division
Sheff Utd v Bolton (7.45)
Third division
Chester v Colchester

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Shelbourne v Shamrock (7.45); St Patrick's Ath v Dundalk (7.45)
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: John O'Hara League Cup: First-round replay: East Grinstead v Ringmer.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Under-21 match
Ulster v New Zealand News (at Ravenhill, 7.0)
Club matches
Askeans v Old Colfeians (7.0)
Bedford v Northampton
Berry Hill v Stroud (7.0)
Coventry v Bath
Leicester v Loughborough Stdts (7.45)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (in Glasgow).
REAL TENNIS: British Open (at Queen's Club).
SNOOKER: UK championship (at Preston)

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL: CONFERENCE CLUB APPOINTS NEW MANAGER

Kettering pick Berry to win back supporters

BY WALTER GAMMIE

KETTERING Town, having been turned down by Graham Roberts, have appointed Steve Berry as player-manager. Berry, 33, had been in temporary charge since the club dismissed Gary Johnson last month after Kettering had drawn only 720 people to Rockingham Road for a Vauxhall Conference match against Hednesford Town on the heels of FA Cup defeat at home to Bedworth United.

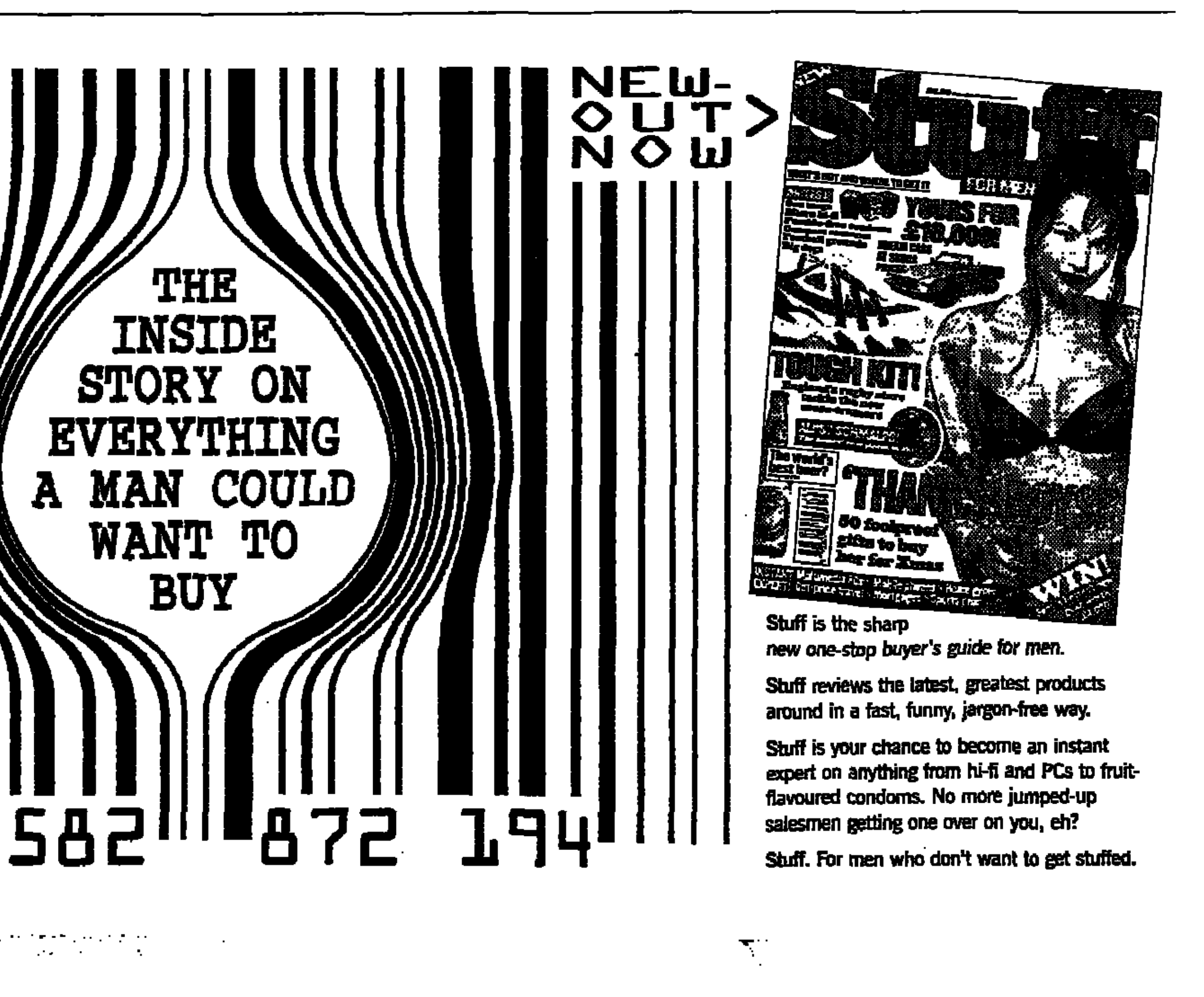
"That was a disaster," Peter Mallinger, the Kettering chairman, said. "You couldn't sustain this club on that support. The fans voted with their feet."

Mallinger accepted Roberts's decision to stay with Yeovil Town. "Obviously, being top of the [Icis] league, they were keen to keep him," he said. "I would have been the same." Berry, he feels, has similar qualities to Roberts.

"Steve's got all the credentials you'd want in a player-manager," he said. "He's got experience playing in the Football League, with Sunderland, Swindon, Portsmouth and Northampton. He was captain of Stevenage when they won the championship last season, so he's also got a good understanding of the Conference and the feeder leagues."

Berry has given up a job with an employment agency in Northampton to take up the full-time appointment.

Jake King will tomorrow take Telford United to Dover Athletic for his first match since being made manager in succession to Wayne Clarke, who resigned from the job at Bucks Head after 18 months. King had been assistant manager at Newtown, the Gilbert League of Wales club.



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Kicking and Screaming

PETER POWELL

Stocking filler: "When Gullit is coaching from the touchline, just a few yards in front of you, it is rather difficult to take in anything else"

The star system in football used to mean nothing to me. Rewinding the tape to the start of Euro 96, I seem to remember I would sit in my seat at Wembley and think the England team were all jumped-up nobodies. "So who does Teddy Sheringham play for usually, when he isn't doing this?" I would half-heartedly ask my long-suffering friend, Robert. "Tottenham," he would reply. And I'd nod and sigh and make a mental note, but think secretly: "Well, you could be making that up, couldn't you? Nobody would care."

But it turns out that the individual fame of footballers is significant. These men are big stars, and there are hundreds of them piled up in a great starry pyramid. And the astonishing thing is, they really deserve their personal recognition. If I met David Beckham, I would feel compelled to shake him by the hand. If I met David Ginola, I'd faint.

Having begun this strange career thinking football was all about abstract things such as league position and club loyalty, I now fully understand the bizarre demand for Ryan Giggs bedlinen. Though I have still not seen Newcastle United in the flesh, when the great day finally arrives, I'll be yelling: "Look, look! It's good old Peter Beardsley!" Just as I might applaud Leo McKern or Dora Bryan making an entrance on the stage.

All this starry-eyed stuff is intended to explain why so little of Blackburn Rovers' game at Ewood Park last Saturday made an impression on me. Chelsea were the visitors, and it was a good and interesting match. but, quite honestly, when superstar-hero Ruud Gullit is coaching from the touchline just a few yards in front of you, in a slim black tracksuit of transcendent elegance, it's rather difficult to take in anything else. Ruud! Ruud! Is it really you? You look just like you do on telly!

Others weren't so excitable, of course. "Sit down!" angry Blackburn supporters yelled, gesticulating in case he couldn't hear. Ruud chose to ignore their complaints and remained standing, which pleased me a lot, because when he was sitting down I had to swivel 90 degrees in my seat to keep him in view, and could no longer pretend to be watching the match at all. "Sit down, ya great softy!" the fans persisted. Softy? Now I know why crowd scuffles break out, if ignorant views of that calibre are allowed free expression.

It was probably just as well to be hedged around by Blackburn supporters; it kept the lid on my protective instincts. When Chelsea's Italians were greeted with boos and "Get back to Spain!" I was obliged to chew the lip; and when Chelsea equalised at the end of the second half, I yelled a very short "Ye . . .!" (without the "s") and performed that bum-stuck-to-chewing-gum movement where you begin to stand up but then think better of it. The irony was, I don't support Chelsea. In fact, I don't support anybody. But I had inadvertently bought a seat in the middle of a season-ticket enclave, where even keen neutrality was a bad idea. "You've got to admit it's getting good now!" I said. "It's one-all! Cheer up!"

The home fans had every reason to feel robbed by the draw, actually. In the first half, Blackburn played like a whirlwind — but a whirlwind which repeatedly swept the ball up to the goalmouth, and then failed to tip it anywhere near the net. "Oooh!" the fans wailed (a lot), and put hands to heads.

"If we still had Shearer, we'd be three-up by now," a grizzled Glaswegian nearby moaned, and it was one of the saddest and most unanswerable complaints I've ever heard. Being a post-Shearer Blackburn supporter must make you feel all helpless and bereft — like being Lois Lane in peril with Superman kryptonised in the next room. Just to rub it in, the energetic Chelsea fans chanted "Shearer, Shearer!" — which was damned subtle of them.

"Well it's true, you've had lots of chances." I sympathised with the grizzled Scot. "You're playing much better than Chelsea. Look, your goalie is freezing to death down there." But my nice moment of contact with the season-ticket man was soon dispelled, and it was all my fault. "Who's your striker now, then?" I asked, gently. "Sutton," he said. "Oh, right, of course, Sutton," I said, flipping the pages of my programme, unable to disguise the fact I'd never heard of him. "And is Sutton playing today? What does he look like?"

Meanwhile, the Chelsea side swarmed with sexy Italians. Ruud limbered up beautifully and finally took the field, and it was all too much. In the interests of good entertainment, I wanted Chelsea to make a good show, and while their spectacular dives were derided by the Blackburn fans, I saw the assorted leaps and skids as just proof of boundless Latin athleticism and continental flair. Besides which, the ground was wet.

> 'He limbered up beautifully and finally took the field. It was all too much'

The new man, Zola, who is small and nippy, once actually somersaulted on contact, if I'm not mistaken. But those who booed him should consider that he was only obeying the laws of physics: when the players banged into one another, Zola must have been going at twice the speed of the other bloke.

Vialli was a Trojan, Gullit an inspiration, and it seemed silly for the home fans not to enjoy them. What I didn't like to say to the season-ticket brigade was this: if Blackburn sold Shearer for £15 million, why don't they buy some stars of their own? Where's the money gone?

But I had stars on the brain on Saturday, having been the same distance from Ruud Gullit as I am now from that light switch, or that doorpost (the top of the stairs is too far). If the Chelsea club shop stocks Ruud Gullit shower mitts, or Ruud Gullit fridge fresheners, or Ruud Gullit windscreen scrapers, I shall be putting them on my Christmas list at once.

HOCKEY

Blanks comes out fighting

By a Special Correspondent

DESPITE his team's failure to win a match this season and their position at the bottom of the women's national league premier division, Kevin Blanks, the Leicester manager, will not hear talk of gloom and doom at the club.

"I can categorically state that there is no crisis," he said. "Of course, we are not happy at the way things have worked out this season and I have my own views as to what has gone wrong, but we're doing all we can to rectify the situation."

Fighting talk. Nonetheless, it is an alarming slide for the club that has finished runners-up three times, and qualified for Europe after winning the title in 1994.

Blanks is adamant that the team has performed well against the top sides but has been guilty of leaking goals. It is a fault that could well be attributed to the loss of two experienced international defenders this year. Kath Johnson and Lucy Cope.

Johnson, one of the few outstanding players in Britain's Olympic campaign, is taking a break and has yet to decide her future, while Cope has signed for the four-times former champions, Slough, after moving to London to continue her academic career.

Relegation, Blanks insists, is unthinkable. "We have a superb forward line and once we can give them a consistent supply, I know they will convert the chances."

They will have to start against Doncaster tomorrow. The Yorkshire club has already hammered the title-holders, Hightown, 8-2, and has earned a reputation as a tough, robust team.

Victory at Doncaster could prove to be the turning point for the luckless Midlanders. After that, they have one more fixture before the extended break to begin to turn around their fortunes.

Blanks added: "There's a big time gap between December and the end of February and, although we have the quality players to turn it round, I keep saying that you don't win matches on paper, you win them on the pitch."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45

WALLAROO

(a) A large species of kangaroo, *Macropus robustus.* **In Queensland and New South Wales applied chiefly to the black variety. From the native Australian** *wolarū.* **"the wallaroo, of a blackish colour, with coarse shaggy fur, inhabiting the hills."**

WHEWER

(b) The female wigeon, *Mareca penelope,* **apparently from the Scottish echoic verb** *whew* **to whistle. "I have put up in a box a wigeon and a whewer."**

WAMBLE

(a) A rolling or uneasiness in the stomach, a feeling of nausea. Probably two or more words have coalesced. Eg the Latin *vomĕrĕ* **Greek** *emein* **to vomit, Old English** *walm* **to boil, and Old High German** *wimidōn* **to move or stagger. "Our meat going downe into the stomacke merily, and with pleasure, dissolveth incontinently all wambles."**

VALI

(c) A civil governor of a Turkish province or vilayet. From the Arabic *wālī.* **The form** *valiė* **occurs in the translation of Chardin's** *The Coronation of Solyman,* **1686.** *The Times,* **1903: "The corrupt and inefficient government of the Vali of Beirut."**

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Re8! Qxe8 2 Qxf6+ Kg8 3 Bh6 and mate quickly follows.

BOXING

Ayers waits on Duff's record offer

MICHAEL AYERS, the British lightweight champion, is awaiting confirmation from Mickey Duff, the London promoter, about his offer of £100,000 to meet Billy Schwer, of Luton (Srikumar Sen writes).

Duff had made the record offer to the winner of the bout between Ayers and Colin Dunne, in which Ayers, of Tooting, retained his title in style by stopping Dunne in the ninth round at Wembley Conference Centre on Wednesday night. On the same bill, Schwer, who is managed by Duff, made hard work of stopping the journeyman boxer, Jean Moulun, of France.

The champion who is due to challenge Artur Grigorian, of Russia, for the World Boxing Organisation title in the new year, said he was ready to meet Schwer as soon as Duff puts the money on the table.

"I'll fight Schwer any time if Mickey Duff pays the £100,000 he was offering. We are the best two lightweights in the country and the fans have been waiting for two years to see us fight. I think we should get it on. The sooner I can get rid of Schwer, the sooner I'll get the respect I deserve."

SQUASH

Plucky Walker misses final by a whisker

From Colin McQuillan in Karachi

CHRIS WALKER failed by a single point against Rodney Eyles, the second-seeded Australian, to become the third successive Englishman to reach a World Open final against Jansher Khan here yesterday.

Walker, 29, from Colchester, had been two games down and 5-0 down in the third before the Australian allowed him a toe-hold that, in a brilliant fightback, Walker built into a 14-12 match-ball opportunity.

The Englishman, recently promoted to No 4 in the world, wears the logo of Dolphin Square, in London, where he lives and trains, on the front of his shirt. On the back is the e-mail address of the magazine of which he is sports fitness correspondent. "I won't take much joy in telling them this story," he said.

Joy was what he brought, though, to Karachi's squash enthusiasts, through his 73-minute 15-12, 15-7, 14-15, 4-15, 15-14 effort after they had watched, approvingly yet not fully satisfied, as Jansher, the defending champion, dismissed Peter Nicol, of Scotland, 15-9, 15-9, 15-8 in the other semi-final.

Nicol was almost as fed-up as Walker. "These referees give Jansher so much leeway," he complained. "The rest of us chase our legs off getting to the ball. He just asks for a let, gets it every time, and does half the work. There was a point at 8-8 in our third game where he was definitely tired and I might have broken through, but the ref gave him a whole series of easy lets and a penalty stroke to recover on."

Walker needed no such cosseting. Nor, to his credit, did Eyles, despite having to escape from a similarly tough situation against Zubair Jahan in the quarter-finals. "So long as I can do it in the final as well, I won't care," the Australian said.

He had looked a certain winner as he strode to 5-0 in the third game of the semi-final. "Then I committed the cardinal sin. I started thinking about the final. By the time I got my concentration back, Chris was up and flying."

Walker forced the third game to a single-point tie-break and won it when Eyles snatched a backhand into the tin. He won the fourth in just five hands and recovered from 1-5 and 4-8 in the fifth to lead 14-12. But, in the long run, it was the calm concentration of the Australian that again got him out of trouble.

RADIO CHOICE

The meringue addiction

In the Grip of the Glossies. *Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.*

"The whole world is washed with pink when a girl gets engaged." That's the kind of textual meringue the Scots poet Liz Lochhead gulped down out of women's magazines — "a source of mystery, metaphor, colour and poetry" — when she was a teenager. She would mourn for the death of romantic magic when told that vanishing cream was just another name for colourless foundation. As for those tips the glossies offered on "how to get your man — and *keep* him", it was all June and moon stuff. Sex meant gender, not intercourse. Lochhead is older and wiser now. *Nova*, aimed at the liberated woman, pointed to the future when it gleefully announced: "Another jolly Christmas issue: adultery, rape, eroticism, extortion!"

Preoccupations. *Radio 3, 2.00pm.*

It's serious when one of our leading sopranos has to quit a theatre because, on stage, someone is wrestling with a 15ft make-believe python. But that's Susan Bullock for you. Or rather, that's her phobia. She has a horror of snakes. The prop snake was being used in *The Magic Flute*. But running out on Mozart was nothing compared with what happened on a train. She made a fellow passenger empty his duffel bag because she was sure it held a snake. There was nothing more reptilian in it than T-shirt and shorts. *Preoccupations* ends with some snake music by Michael Berkeley and Respighi. Bullock had left the studio by this time. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

7.00am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo, includes Golden Hour **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, includes at **12.30pm-12.45** Newsbeat and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, includes at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat and at **6.30** The Continuous Dance Mix **7.00** Essential Selection, with Pete Tong **10.00** One in the Jungle **12.00** Radio 1 Rap Show, with Tim Westwood **3.00am** Annie Nightingale **5.00** Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

6.00am Martin Kelner **7.30** Wake up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Helen Sharman with Charles Nove **7.00** Today's the Day **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night. Robin Boyle introduces the BBC Concert Orchestra, under Barry Wordsworth **8.45** Jamaica Inn (4/10) **9.00** A Life on the Ocean Wave (4/4) **10.00** Sheridan Morley **12.05am** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl Children in Need **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl Children in Need **2.05pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, with David McNeill, incl Sports Bulletin **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **8.30** Friday Sport. Sheffield united v Bolton Wanderers **10.05** Paper Talk, with Jay Rayner and Brian Alexander **11.00** Night Extra, with David McNeil **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT News on the hour. **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** Green History of the Planet **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **8.55** Global Gardening **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Focus on Faith **9.45** Sport **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.30** Meridian Books **12.05pm** Business **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Science in Action **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Multitrack **3.05** Sport **3.15** Global Gardening **3.30** Music Review **4.15** World Today **4.30** BBC English **4.45** Britain Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Sport **6.30** Focus on Faith **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** Multitrack **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** People and Politics **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sport **11.10** Spotlight **11.15** Insider's Guide **11.25** Book Choice **11.30** Multitrack **12.30am** Seven Days **12.45** Britain Today **1.30** Outlook **1.55** Words of Faith **2.30** Science in Action **3.15** Sport **3.30** Meridian Live **4.30** Jazz Now and Then **4.45** Seven Days

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto. Mozart (Flute and Harp Concerto in C major, K 229) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Classic Showcase **8.00** Evening Concert. Britten (Hymn to St Cecilia, Op 27; The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, Op 34; A Simple Symphony); Handel (Ode for St Cecilia's Day) **10.00** Michael Mappin, incl at **11.00** Friday Live **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Scharwenka (Piano Concerto No 4 in F minor); Piazolla (Concierto para quinteto)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday.
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nick Morgan.
12.00 Composers of the Week: Bartok and Kodaly. Includes Bartok (Finding a Husband, Hungarian Folk Songs, 1930)
1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concerts: Haydn Plus. From St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, introduced by Chris de Souza.
2.00 Preoccupations. See Choice
2.15 Music Restored *(r)*
3.00 Mining the Archive. To celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Britten, on St Cecilia's Day, musicians who worked with him discuss his legacy.
5.00 The Music Machine. Students from Feltham's Longford Community School join Ensemble Bash at Harrow Arts Centre, London
5.15 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas, including Johann Strauss (L'Enfantillage) **6.30** A competition to raise money for the Children in Need appeal: identify the narrators of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* in recordings made over the past 50 years **7.00** CD-Roms for music lovers
7.30 Berlioz/Dutilleux Festival. Olivier Charlier, violin, Hallé Orchestra, conductor Frederic Chaslin. Berlioz (Overture Le Corsaire); Dutilleux (Violin Concerto, L'Arbre des Songes); Berlioz (Three Pieces from *The Damnation of Faust)*
9.10 Outriders. Chris Cutler, noise-maker, discusses alternative notions of culture
9.25 Zehetmair's Bach. *(r)*
10.00 Hear and Now. Performances at last month's Oxford Festival of Contemporary Music include the Norwegian Bit 20 Ensemble performing Rolf Wallin (Boyl)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Cherubini and Spontini *(r)*
1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Monteverdi, Penderecki, Vivaldi, J.C. Bach, Mozart, Stravinsky **4.45** Brahms **6.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Tessa Sanderson *(r)*
9.45 Feedback
10.00 News; In the Grip of the Glossies (FM). See Choice
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour with
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Women in Love, by D.H. Lawrence. Dramatised by Elaine Feinstein. (4/4) *(r)*
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan and guests
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow visits a David Hockney exhibition
4.45 Short Story: A Sort of Love Story, by Tom MacDonagh. A young man becomes hopelessly infatuated by a cool older woman
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places. Presented by David Stafford
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical discussion. With Liz Lynne, MP; newspaper editor Will Hutton; Ken Livingstone, MP, and Graham Mather, MEP
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Street Scene. Up and down the country, British cities are investing in new concert halls and art complexes. But what are the motives behind this urban cultural expansion and what effect, if any, do they have on city life? (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Lady Chatterley's Confessions, by Elaine Feinstein. Read by Amanda Root (10/10)
11.00 Week Ending. The topical comedy sketch show
11.25 Fourth Column. A quizzical look at the week's events
11.45 African Harvest *(r)*
12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Shipping News, by E. Annie Proulx (10/10)
1.00 As World Service

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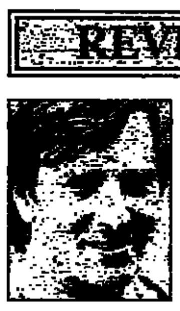
A woman's place is on the pitch, official

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Harlequins rugby football club is 130 years old — so it should come as no surprise that the gentlemen of the club have pretty much perfected the sidestep by now. But still, watching them execute their clever little shimmies last night, so neatly and with such perfect timing, was a joy to behold.

Each time the makers of **Women with Balls** (Channel 4) charged, the brave Twickers chaps stood their ground ... only to step elegantly out of the way at the last moment. I don't think they shout *ole* at rugby matches, but on the evidence of this perhaps they should.

Watching a documentary maker miss the intended target is rarely going to be as enjoyable as it was watching Alison Millar, the director, miss hers. Hard as she tried, as she charted the progress of Harlequins Ladies in their inaugural season, the men of Harlequins stood firm. They had done their homework, they stuck to the game plan, they all remembered what happened when a Channel 4 documentary team turned up at Northwood golf club a couple of years ago. Once again, the game of *cherchez le chauvinist* was underway.

"So," said the quiet little female voice behind the camera, "what do you think of the women's game?" The big burly man with a big burly pint of beer in his hand gave it a couple of seconds thought: "Fantastic." Drat. The quiet little female voice — so sweet, so innocent, so certain that sooner or later one of these lunks would play into her hands, moved on. "So, how do you think they are playing?" Dick Best, a former England coach and a very important person at Harlequins, hunched his shoulders against the Sunday morning wind: "Outstanding." He had a point — Kirstie and the gang were in the process of putting 136 points past opposition so bad they weren't named.

And so it went on. "What do you think of Camilla playing rugby?" "Absolutely fantastic," said her proud father. "Do you think there'll ever be a female president of Harlequins?" David Brook, paused, shrugged (you know the form by now): "I think that may be pushing it a little too far ..." yes, yes" ... but maybe, one day." Drat — double, double, double drat.

Only a passing lunatic on Waterloo station served up what Bill McLaren would call the needful. Sam and the omnipresent Camilla (Vice-Captain, Player of the Year and runner-up in the Boobs of the Year award only because of the outside assistance of a Wonderbra apparently) were handing out leaflets to publicise Ladies Day. "You should be back in the kitchens and leave playing rugby to men," the commuter yelled, breaking off from his pursuit of the 6.32pm to Woking just long enough to hurl a helpful shout of "perverts" behind him. Call me old-fashioned but I don't think lunatics on Waterloo station count. Sorry.

Elsewhere, the battle between British and American sit-coms finally came up with an unexpected result. We won! What made the victory doubly surprising was not only that the winner was **2Point4 Children** (BBC1) but that it was delivered — inexplicably — with the help of a Hallowe'en special. Just the three weeks late then. On that basis I take it we can look forward to the Christmas special some time in early February.

So ill-prepared was I for a return to ghosties, ghoulies and things that go bump in the nightie, that it took me almost as long as the cast to realise that Mrs Crudaal next door was actually an anagram of ... well, I'm sure you've worked it out already.

It was all very silly but, cheeringly for a series that occasionally looks tired, quite funny as well. Ben (Gary Olsen) had put on some Lon Chaney make-up to frighten off trick or treaters. "Guess where I got it from?" "Princess Diana on *Panorama*?" tried Bill (Belinda Lang). I love it when she gets vicious.

On the losing end of last night's transatlantic skirmish was **Third Rock from the Sun** (BBC2), a series I fear I may have been a shade too nice about when it started out a few weeks ago. Last night's episode, in which the high commander of our visiting band of aliens took up smoking, was virtually a laugh-free zone. It would have been entirely had it not been for the presence of John Lithgow as Dick, the head alien honcho. The jokes may be old, but Lithgow delivers them beautifully. "Dick, smoking takes ten years off your life," protested a colleague. "Yeah, but only off the end of your life ... and they're crappy years anyway." I confess, I smiled at that one.

Quite how a television series goes from the actorly preenings of Richard E. Grant one week to the death of Veronica Guerin, the Irish investigative journalist, the next, defeats me. But **The Works** (BBC2) managed it — and to quite an unexpected end for those of us on this side of the Irish Sea.

For while David Kerr's film contained little in the way of new facts (and certainly not enough to satisfy a journalist of Guerin's reputation), he quickly moved the focus away from who murdered her to the equally disturbing question of who allowed her to be murdered. Taking his lead from Guerin's brother, whose letter to *The Irish Times* first prompted this line of inquiry, Kerr gently considered the initially unthinkable — that it was partially her own fault — and the scarcely more palatable alternative — that her newspaper, *The Sunday Independent*, had not done enough to protect an inexperienced and possibly naive journalist from her own crusading passions. All round a very sobering half-hour.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (25938)
7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceefax) (30071)
9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceefax) (6047735)
9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (1174342)
9.45 KILROY Topical discussion series chaired by Robert Kilroy Silk (s) (8706716)
10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (s) (35236)
11.00 NEWS (Ceefax) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (2599629)
11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW Consumer magazine (s) (4117648)
11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE Chat show hosted by Carol Smillie (s) (6854700)
12.00 NEWS (Ceefax) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (4850629)
12.05pm ALIAS SMITH AND JONES Heyes and Curry are out for revenge when they are cheated (r) (2560174)
12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW The team provide personal forecasts in aid of *Children in Need* (51817822)
1.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (13358)
1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (14119358)
1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceefax) (s) (24020358)
2.00 CALL MY BLUFF With *The Times* columnist Alan Coren and Sandi Toksvig (s) (7261)
2.30 PETER SEABROOK'S GARDENING WEEK (s) (826)
3.00 INCOGNITO (s) (6396)
3.30 THE ANIMALS OF FARTHING WOOD (5877938) **3.55 Dear Mr Barker** (3467629) **4.10 The Real Adventures of Jonny Quest** (5517006) **4.35 Grange Hill** (1758803) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (6130613) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (2252613)
5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (709464)
6.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (735)
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (777)
7.00 ***CHILDREN IN NEED*** Terry Wogan and Gaby Roslin present the annual fundraising extravaganza (Ceefax) (s) (8377)
7.30 REGIONAL CHILDREN IN NEED PROGRAMMES (652367)
7.40 CHILDREN IN NEED Esther Rantzen showcases five of Britain's most talented children and Mark Owen gives a special performance of his first solo single, *Child* (Ceefax) (278667)
9.00 NEWS (Ceefax) **REGIONAL NEWS** and weather (4342)
9.30 CHILDREN IN NEED The fundraising continues as Barry Manilow flies in for a special appearance. Also comedy mayhem from the cast of *The Brittas Empire* (Ceefax) (22170551)
11.35 REGIONAL CHILDREN IN NEED PROGRAMMES (127209)
12.00 CHILDREN IN NEED Terry Wogan and Gaby Roslin invite you to join their late-night entertainment as the fundraising continues. Featuring Darren Day and the cast of *Summer Holiday*, Charles Aznavour, the cast of the musical *Smokey Joe's Café* and special editions of *The Mrs Merton Show* and *The Best of Auntie's Bloomers* (33965)
2.00am Weather (7898410)

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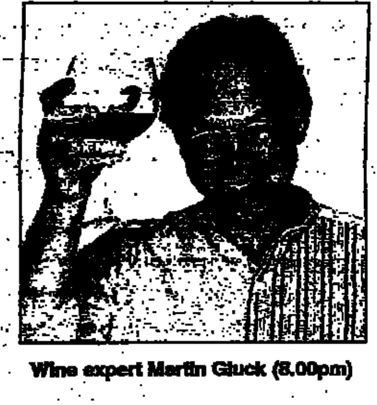
BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: Information Technology and Society (5580532) **6.50** The Third Revolution (9983984) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (6138174) **7.30** Perils of Penelope Pitstop (4806551) **7.55** Smart (7334445) **8.20** The Greedysaurus Gang (8751261) **8.25** Spider (5566071) **8.35** The Record (6647464) **9.00** The French Experience (6054025) **9.15** The Economics Collection (880687) **9.45** Watch (4033880) **10.00** Playdays (98551) **10.30** What? Where? When? Why? (3677006) **10.45** Revista (3665261) **11.08** Look and Read (5028700) **11.20** Short Circuit (7861464) **11.40** English Time: The Ancient Mariner (8940551) **12.00** English File (21938) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (59209) **1.00** Scene (31700) **1.30** Heading South (41280) **2.00** The Greedysaurus Gang (46439648) **2.05** Spider (46438919)
2.10 SPORT ON FRIDAY Helen Rollason introduces racing from Ascot including the 2.40, 3.10 and 3.40 races; **Cricket:** Ronnie Irani previews England's forthcoming Test series in Zimbabwe and New Zealand; **Rugby Union:** A preview of the weekend's international rugby union matches featuring England v Italy and Ireland v Australia (748667)
3.55 NEWS, (Ceefax) (5686735)
4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (700) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (984) **5.00 Esther** (9483) **5.30 Going, Going, Gone** (464)
6.00 SLIDERS (s) (691483)
6.40 ELECTRIC CIRCUS (s) (398613)
7.00 TOP OF THE POPS (Ceefax) (s) (6919)
7.30 TOP GEAR RALLY REPORT A preview of the RAC Rally (s) (613)



Wine expert Martin Gluck (8.00pm)

8.00 **GLUCK, GLUCK, GLUCK** the first of a new wine series with Malcolm Gluck (Ceefax) (5667)
8.30 **STEFAN BUCZACKI'S GARDENING BRITAIN** Alpine plants, cacti and the gardens of Crathes Castle (Ceefax) (s) (4174)
9.00 SHOOTING STARS Spoof quiz with guests Ardal O'Hanlon, Anneka Rice, Dave Lee Travis and Carol Vorderman (Ceefax) (s) (2984)
9.30 RED DWARF VI: Legion Sci-fi comedy with Craig Charles and Chris Barrie (r) (Ceefax) (s) (39445)
10.00 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU Satirical news quiz with Angus Deayton, Paul Merton and Ian Hislop joined by Eve Pollard and Jack Docherty (s) (22667)
10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceefax) (873193)
11.15 THE A FORCE (s) (355261)
1.15am FILM: JOBMAN (1990) with Kevin Smith, Tertius Mientjies and Lynn Gaines. A deaf and dumb man returns from the city to his wife and baby in the country, where he sets off a chain of violence and is forced to go on the run. Directed by Darrell Roodt (186089) Ends **2.55**

CHOICE

Children In Need
BBC1, 7.00pm

The annual charity appeal is always worth dipping into, mainly for catching celebrities in unfamiliar mode. Such as four cooks, Ainsley Harriott, Brian Turner, Gary Rhodes and Antony Worrall Thompson, who are putting on glitter suits and turning themselves into a singing combo called *The Four Chefs*. Slightly less startling is an old time music-hall performed by stars of *EastEnders*, with Barbara Windsor admirably cast as Marie Lloyd. For those still unconvinced by the singing talents of Robson and Jerome, Barry Manilow is flying in from across the Atlantic and Charles Aznavour is hopping over from France. Terry Wogan is joined by Gaby Roslin for seven hours of five transmissions and the target to beat, as the man says on *Mastermind*, is last year's £16.8 million.

Gluck, Gluck, Gluck
BBC2, 8.00pm

Television wine experts tend to divide between the exhibitionist (Jilly Gooden, Oz Clarke) and the quietly sensible (Jancis Robinson). Now meet Malcolm Gluck, whose bluff manner and casual appearance place him somewhere in between. His series is pitched at the ordinary wine drinker who may be baffled by the jargon and overwhelmed by the choice. First stop is a balti restaurant in Birmingham where Gluck declares his abhorrence of drinking lager with Indian food and suggests wine alternatives. He also compares two French wines from the same region, one costing £3 and the other twice as much, and assesses which provides the better value. Gluck offers himself as a demystifier and his chummy, down-to-earth approach should appeal to anybody who feels ignorant about wine and is reluctant to admit it.

Lonely Planet
Channel 4, 8.00pm

"I'm not saying it's disgusting", says Ian Wright tactfully, as he tucks into a lump of Icelandic shark. "I'm just not used to it." He is no more used to the local potato wine, known as the Black Death, but there is more funny footage to be had from his attempt to drink it. Our try-anything host extracts further fun from covering himself in mud in the cause of a healthier body. A geyser and a glacier offer more orthodox travelogue material. Having exhausted the innocent abroad routine in Iceland, Wright is off to do the same in Greenland, first reminding us that it is the most northerly island in what he calls the "weld". For that matter Nuuk is the smallest capital in the "weld". The cameraman does his best to upstage Wright's chirpy chatter as he lingers impressively over majestic snowscapes.

Stefan Buczacki's Gardening Britain
BBC2, 8.30pm

It may be November in the real world but we pick up the Buczacki roadshow as spring moves into summer. Our dapper host is in Aberdeen, setting up his plant surgery in Duthie Park, Europe's largest covered garden. A useful feature of the series is its willingness to tackle the curses of gardening, as well as the delights. Last week's symposium on weeds must have struck many a chord, even if the solutions were sometimes less than magic. On the agenda tonight is invasive sorrel. Heading the garden visits is a tour of Crathes Castle. The gardens go back to the 16th century, but their present character derives from a redesign in the 1930s by a devotee of Gertrude Jekyll. We also encounter a silversmith who has created an "anarchistic" garden on the site of a disused railway station. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1643209)
9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1255261)
9.55 REGIONAL NEWS *(2071358)*
10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (92377)
10.30 THIS MORNING (24073464)
12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (4776613)
12.30 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (4915483)
12.55 MURDER, SHE WROTE (s) (2198236) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (57975984) **2.25 Cross Wits** (Teletext) (s) (57067919) **2.50 Yan Can Cook — the Best of China** (6878209)
3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (4973377)
3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4972648)
3.30 JAYS WORLD (3482938) **3.40 The Adventures of Dawdle** (3462174) **3.55 Oscar and Friends** (5673261) **4.00 Snug and Cozi** (8060483) **4.15 Hurricanes** (5501445) **4.40 Fun House** (4952464)
5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (7250193)
5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (s) (225087)
6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (705209)
6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletet) (956822)
7.00 CATCHPHRASE Hosted by Roy Walker (Teletext) (s) (3445)
7.30 CORONATION STREET Pride comes before a fall for Jack and Ken's dream comes a step closer (Teletext) (667)
8.00 THE BILL Loxton comes under scrutiny from the Complaints Investigation Bureau when he is accused of assaulting a suspected burglar. Can he keep his cool? (Teletext) (2193)
8.30 FAITH IN THE FUTURE: The Big Test Intimations of mortality after a smear test turn Faith into an emotional time-bomb (Teletext) (s) (8700)

Jenny Bolt, Sean Blowers (9.00pm)

9.00 STAYING ALIVE The grim reaper is stalking the unit — but at least Mick is sharp enough to keep one step ahead (Teletext) (s) (5939)
10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (19193)
10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (Teletext) (430025)
10.40 FRANK YONCO'S BATH NIGHT Country and western singer Frank Yonco explores the city of Bath (s) (2818445)
11.45 THE 1996 MOBO AWARDS The 1996 Music of Black Origin Awards (549087)
1.00am FUNNY BUSINESS (s) (4041033)
1.35 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE ... LATE (4050781)
2.35 BUSHELL ON THE BOX (r) (s) (7809526)
3.05 WAR AND REMEMBRANCE (r) (713859)
4.50 SOUND BITES (60327014)
5.00 INTERNATIONAL TOURING CARS from the Nurburgring, Germany (48897)
5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (83014)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (4990174)
1.25 CROSS WITS *(39556174)*
1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24027261)
5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7250193)
6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (956822)
10.40 CENTRAL WEEKEND (1152629)
12.10am FIRST CUT (4785439)
12.25 FIRST CUT (4773694)
12.40 COMEDY CENTRAL (1764743)
1.40 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE ... LATE (7175472)
2.45 CYBER.CAFE (1144897)
3.10 HELTER SKELTER (7760472)
4.00 JOBFINDER (2479743)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 CORONATION STREET (4990174)
1.25-1.55 CROSSWITS (39556174)
1.55 HOME AND AWAY (29700735)
2.25 HIGH ROAD (57978071)
2.55-3.20 GARDENERS' DIARY (1216025)
5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7250193)
6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (54754)
10.30 WESTCOUNTRY NEWS (421377)
10.45 Film: SHE WOKE UP (40905483)
12.35am ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS (8343588)

MERIDIAN

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12.55pm-1.25 CROSS WITS (4990174)
1.25 HOME AND AWAY (39556174)
1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24027261)
5.10 HOME AND AWAY (7250193)
6.00-7.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (54754)
10.45 COASTGUARD RESCUE (959396)
11.15-11.45 A406 (956209)
5.00am FREESCREEN *(48897)*

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 CROSS WITS (4990174)
1.25 HOME AND AWAY (39556174)
1.55 JUSTICE OF THE LAND (24027261)
5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7250193)
6.30-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS (483)
10.00 NEWS AT TEN; WEATHER (19193)
10.40 Film: SHORT SHARP SHOCKS (795464)
10.50-11.45 THE VERDICT (347193)

S4C

Starts: 6.30am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (52957) **7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST** (36209) **9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (23342) **9.30 YSGOLION** (528613) **12.00 SESAME STREET** (50984) **1.00pm SLOT MEITHRIN** (39396) **1.30 TO THE SHORES OF IWO JIMA** (24022716) **1.50 Film: TEST PILOT** (39498808) **4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE** (396) **4.30 ANTON MOSIMANN: NATURALLY** (280) **5.00 5 PUMP** (4551) **5.30 COUNTDOWN** (532) **6.00 NEWYDDION** (591613) **6.05 HENO** (783087) **6.35 SION A SIAN** (965754) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (650349) **7.25 TESTAMENT Y BEIBL WEDI'I ANIMEIDDIO** (234532) **8.00 CEFN GWLAD** (3385) **8.30 NEWYDDION** (6342) **9.00 GLAN HAFREN** (1551) **10.00 BROOKSIDE** (17735) **10.30 RORY BREMNER — WHO ELSE?** (884209) **11.10 TFI FRIDAY** (768025) **12.15am Film: THE WICKER MAN** (370743) **1.50 Film: THE FACE OF FU MANCHU** (109526) **3.40 Film: THE MIRACLE WOMAN** (153014)

CHANNEL 4

6.30am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (r) (s) (52957) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (36209) **9.00** Here's One I Made Earlier (s) (23342) **9.30** SCHOOLS. Eureka! **9.45** Stop Look Listen **10.00** Fourways Farm **10.10** TVM **10.25** Technology Prog **10.40** Off Limits **11.05** Robert Burns **11.20** Stage One **11.35** Schools at Work **11.40** How We Used to Live (528613) **12.00** The Living Sea (Teletext) (s) (16006) **12.30pm** Lift Off (r) (44377) **1.00** Sesame Street (32532)
2.00 FILM: Two Weeks in Another Town (1962) American satire with Kirk Douglas as a fading Hollywood star who goes to Italy to play a small part in the film being directed by megalomaniac Edward G. Robinson and ends up taking over direction. With Cyd Charisse, George Hamilton and Rosanna Schiaffino (2602)
4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (Teletext) (s) (396)
4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (280)
5.00 TV DINNERS (r) (Teletext) (s) (4551)
5.30 OVER THE GARDEN WALL (r) (Teletext) (532)
6.00 TFI FRIDAY With guests Sheryl Crowe, Sting, Suede, Stephen Fry and Barry Manilow (s) (52396)
7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (676367)
7.55 THE SLOT (228700)
8.00 CHOICE **LONELY PLANET** Ian Wright explores Iceland and Greenland (Teletext) (3385)
8.30 BROOKSIDE Max feels pressured to come clean about Nat and Georgia; Lindsey and Mike make a horrifying discovery (Teletext) (s) (6342)
9.00 CAROLINE IN THE CITY Caroline and Del's relationship comes under pressure when their plans to celebrate Christmas in Paris are cancelled. Lorna Luft makes a guest appearance (Teletext) (s) (3280)

Jennifer Aniston as Rachel (9.30pm)

9.30 FRIENDS: The One with Barry and Mindy's Wedding Rachel is a bridesmaid at her former fiancé's wedding. Last in series (Teletext) (51613)
10.00 FRASIER Frasier is attracted to a policewoman who has a crush on his father (Teletext) (s) (17735)
10.30 RORY BREMNER — WHO ELSE? With Julia McKenzie (Teletext) (884209)
11.10 TFI FRIDAY (r) (768025)
12.15am FILM: The Wicker Man (1973) with Edward Woodward. Cult classic about pagan worshippers, directed by Robin Hardy (Teletext) (370743)
1.50 FILM: The Face of Fu Manchu (1965) with Christopher Lee as Fu Manchu. Directed by Don Sharp (Teletext) (109526)
3.40 FILM: The Miracle Woman (1932) with Barbara Stanwyck as a woman promoted as an evangelist who rebels against the sham when she falls in love. Directed by Frank Capra (4947588)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (3324006) **7.20** Press Your Luck (3231342) **7.40** Jeopardy! (5365445) **8.10** Hotel (6441483) **9.00** Another World (5195984) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (2396700) **10.40** Real TV (7183551) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9020532) **12.00** Geraldo (76990) **1.00pm** One to Three (33648) **3.00** Jenny Jones (99377) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (48764) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6174) **6.00** New Superman (72174) **7.00** Simpsons (7803) **7.30** MASH (6261) **8.00** Mad About You (6551) **8.30** Coppers (2358) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (19529) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (12716) **11.00** New Superman (78209) **12.00** Midnight Caller (80897) **1.00am** LAPD (32859) **1.30** Real TV (72985) **2.00** Hit Mix (44168)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (7147223) **8.00** Nowhere Man (6898731) **9.00** Models Inc (2498975) **10.00** Fire (8597764) **11.00** Late Show (2012071) **12.00 FILM: Burnt Offerings** (8591599) **2.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (4796615)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Eleven Harrowhouse (1974) (50398) **8.00 Monsieur Verdoux (1947)** (75553445) **10.05 Crooks Anonymous (1962)** (94332483) **12.00 Two for the Road (1967)** (27087) **2.00pm Jules Verne's 800 Leagues Down the Amazon (1994)** (38398) **4.00 Troop Beverly Hills (1989)** (1000) **6.00 Dad, the Angel and Me (1995)** (18532) **8.00 A Feast at Midnight (1994)** (28377) **10.00 Dumb and Dumber (1994)** (383377) **11.50 Bullet in the Head (1990)** (86568590) **2.00am Fight for Justice: The Nancy Conn Story (1995)** (80743) **3.30 She Fought Alone (1995)** (32323)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am It's in the Air (1935) (34629) **7.30 Journey to the Centre of the Earth** (37716) **8.30 Sandokan: The TV Movie (1995)** (40358) **10.00 The Battle of the Villa Fiorita (1965)** (93613) **12.00 Bandit: Bandit (1994)** (25629) **2.00pm Margie (1946)** (34938) **4.00 Journey to the Centre of the Earth** (4197303) **4.55 Exploits at West Poley (1985)** (2702254) **6.00 Hart to Hart: Secrets of the Hart (1995)** (99071) **7.30 UK Top 10** (8071) **8.00 Beverly Hills Cop III (1993)** (26919) **10.00 Little Odessa (1994)** (804209) **11.40 Short Cuts (1993)** (61925434) **2.45am Stalingrad (1992)** (92223304) **5.00 Exploits at West Poley (1985)** (82255)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm His Girl Friday (1940) (8081396) **6.00 Project X (1987)** (2258700) **8.00 The Blue Lagoon (1980)** (2333445) **10.00 Conan the Barbarian (1982)** (37309071) **12.15am At Close Range (1986)** (8830782) **2.10 Will Penny (1968)** (5800168) **4.00-5.30 City Lights (1931)** (1388439)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.
6.00am Mouse Tracks (8696919) **6.25** Quack Attack (6608754) **6.50** Bonkers (6180667) **7.15** Darkwing Duck (9044735) **7.40** Aladdin (3852532) **8.05** Goof Troop (1250272) **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa (2661613) **8.40** Bonkers (2585261) **9.05** Mouse Tracks (6805716) **9.30** Big Garage (7219700) **9.45** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (768272) **10.15** Muppet Babies (8890716) **10.40** Adventures in Wonderland (2847006) **11.10** Quack Attack (7062087) **11.40** Under the Umbrella Tree (9066735) **12.10pm** Fraggle Rock (8082657) **12.35** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (3949223) **1.05** Mouse Tracks (69111613) **1.30** Aladdin (61420174) **1.55** Darkwing Duck (4794396) **2.30** Grounding Marsh (4243025) **2.50** Quack Attack (6579551) **3.20** Mouse Tracks (2372445) **3.50** Bonkers (1876716) **4.15** Goof Troop (7084551) **4.35** Darkwing Duck (7676919) **5.00** Aladdin (1291700) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (9498445) **5.35** Bonkers (871700) **6.00** Sky Trackers (7193) **6.30** Freaky Friday (86566445) **8.10** Home Improvement (579071) **8.35-10.00 FILM: White Wolves II: Legend of the Wild**

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (70385) **7.30** Wrestling (80822) **8.30** Racing News (27025) **9.00** Sports Centre (18377) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (54667) **10.00** World of Sailing (67629) **10.30** Futbol Mundial (98731) **11.00** Fishing. Tight Lines (95990) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (25613) **12.30pm** Spanish Football (53280) **2.30** World Sport Special (8280) **3.00** Cricket: Hong Kong Sixes (37483) **4.59** Sports Centre (7698613) **5.00** Netbusters (2990) **6.00** Sports Centre (33174) **7.00** Asian Golf Show (79071) **8.00** World Sport Special (9687) **8.30** World of Sailing (8174) **9.00** Trans World Sport (71483) **10.00** Sports Centre (78342) **11.00** Hold the Back Page (16483) **12.00** Wrestling (19323) **1.00am** Sports Centre (84323) **2.00-3.00** Hold the Back Page (38217)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm The Rugby Club (4749735) **9.00** NHL Power Week (4856071) **10.00** World Wrestling Federation: Raw (4729358) **11.00** Big League Classics (2260629) **11.30-1.00am** Cue Masters (5680700)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Live World Cup of Golf (73223280) **3.00pm** League Review (55848700) **4.30** Futbol Mundial (10532087) **5.00** Trans World Sport (36055377) **6.00** US Open Surfing (25910280) **7.00** Live Friday Night Football (49886648) **10.00-12.00** World Cup of Golf (50015919)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Sailing (11938) **8.00** Women's Alpine Skiing (23193) **9.00** Karting (25464) **10.00** International Motorsports Report (20862) **11.00** Football (69241) **1.00pm** Live Tennis (7493613) **5.00** Live Alpine Skiing (4358) **6.00** Live Tennis (52358) **8.00** Live Alpine Skiing (4735) **8.30** Live Figure Skating (76716) **10.00** Equestrianism (76938) **11.00** Supercross (70321) **12.00-12.30** All-Sports (84781)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway (8546174) **6.30** Tickle on the Turn (65176857) **6.45** Time for a Story (77656386) **7.00** Allsorts (2308087) **7.15** Tickle on the Turn (6442980) **7.30** Catweazle (8203936) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (1383532) **8.30** Runway (1382803) **9.00** Families (1306483) **9.30** Albion Market (5411464) **10.00** What the Papers Say (3969386) **10.20** The Day (8340613) **10.30** Nearest and Dearest (1302657) **11.00** Stolen (8138236) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (1393919) **12.30pm** Scully (5415280) **1.00** Adam Smith (4538272) **1.30** Families (5414551)

Tim Roth, Moira Kelly in *Little Odessa* (Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

2.00 This Year, Next Year (7268006) **3.00** Nearest and Dearest (7357551) **3.30** What the Papers Say (75985532) **3.50** The Day (57327261) **4.00** Stolen (1591613) **5.00** Mapp and Lucia (7348803) **6.00** Classic Coronation Street (7781342) **6.30** Families (7858822) **7.00** The Dustbinmen (7349532) **7.30** Scully (7854006) **8.00** XYY Man (6893087) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (5276396) **9.35** The Good Life Guide (1264087) **10.00-11.00** Stolen (6816938)
From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and features and Your Stars presented by Russell Grant
From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. Includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith
From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty. Includes Natural Health
From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: Jayne Mansfield (2189700) **5.00** Ancient Mysteries (2019532) **6.00** Weapons of War (1464613) **7.00-8.00** Biography: The Kennedys Week (4730087)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday to Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable.
1.00am The Twilight Zone (8675168) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (2843120) **2.00** New Alfred Hitchcock (5653656) **2.30** Rod Serling's Night Gallery (5665491) **3.00** Friday the 13th (3578588) **3.55-4.00** Quarks (34786946)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00am The Joy of Painting (1852025) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (8002241) **10.00** Go Fishing (2208174) **10.30** House Style (1858209) **11.00** The Restoration Game (8907174) **11.30** Craftwise (8908803) **12.00** Julia Child (1832261) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (5953777) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (6351700) **1.30** Home Again, with Bob Vila (6303218) **2.00** Furniture to Go (2780813) **2.30** Secret Gardens (8063342) **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (2882648) **3.30-4.00** This Old House, with Steve and Norm (8148087)
DISCOVERY takes over at 4.00pm.
4.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (8150822) **4.30** Driving Passions (8156006) **5.00** Time Travellers (2887193) **5.30** Jurassica (8147358) **6.00** Wild Things (8064071) **6.00** Wild Things (2684046) **7.00** *Next Step (2874628)* **7.30** *Mysterious Universe* (8157735) **8.00** Natural Born Killers (5133648) **9.00** Justice Files (5040984) **10.00** Classic Wheels (5043071) **11.00** Engineering Disasters (5479657) **12.00** The Professionals (1019781) **1.00am** High Five (1178985) **1.30-2.00** Ambulance!

UK GOLD

7.00am Going for Gold (2448803) **7.35** Crossroads (4432358) **8.00** Neighbours (2839025) **8.25** EastEnders (2000990) **9.00** The Bill (1854483) **9.30** Colditz (7055648) **10.30** The Sullivans (1850667) **11.00** The Onedin Line (8151782) **12.00** Crossroads (35883261) **12.25pm** Neighbours (35893648) **12.55** EastEnders (3865919) **1.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (6619025) **2.10** After the Show (40132990) **2.30** Singer's Day (8065700) **3.00** Sale of the Century (2884006) **3.30** The Bill (8140445) **4.00** Howards' Way (8827984) **5.00** EastEnders (1683006) **5.35** Crossroads (3184919) **6.00** It's a Knockout (15726735) **7.05** Bob's Full House (5939261) **7.45** The Best of Top of the Pops (4513700) **8.25** Ever Decreasing Circles (8741342) **9.00** Casualty (87301919) **10.05** The Bill (6737532) **10.40** Men Behaving Badly (8232071) **11.15** Live at Jongleurs (1994174) **11.45** Miami Vice (1677290) **12.40am FILM: Code of Silence** (2327385) **2.20** Shopping

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (6505613) **6.20** Meltdown Teenage Urban Adventurers (6689629) **6.45** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (590532) **7.15** Ready or Not (597445) **7.45** California Dreams (596716) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (813321) **8.45** Art Attack (7813193) **9.00** Tiny TCC (Until 3.00pm): Tiny and Crew (8860193) **9.20** Brum (8857629) **9.40** Johnson and Friends (5027700) **10.00** Robin and Rosie of Cockleshell Bay (8917483) **10.20** Philbert the Frog (3525280) **10.40** Charlie Chalk (7951342) **11.00** Dinobabies (74006) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (75735) **12.00** Barney (50377) **12.30pm** Where's Wally? (87919) **1.00** Casper and Friends (14396) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (61433648) **1.55** Johnson and Friends (13361280) **2.20** Bump (10281532) **2.40** Mr Benn (9273716) **3.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (2396) **3.30** Ready or Not (4483) **4.00** California Dreams (3990) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (9174)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (12990) ***6.30 Biker Mice from Mars (74919)*** **7.00** Rocko's Modern Life (7239984) **7.15** Hey Arnold (4794532) **7.30** Rugrats (11984) **8.00** Doug (26396) **8.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (25667) **9.00** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (16919) **9.30** Wishbone (52209) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5177464) **10.10** Katie and Orbie (5440822) **10.35** Mr Men (9745613) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (9638377) **11.00** BBC Block (93532) **12.00** Clarissa (29483) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (56025) **1.00** Babar (20809) **1.30** Katie and Orbie (55396) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (7445) **2.30** BBC Block (43629) **3.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (8667) **4.00** Insektors (7510759) **4.15** Technick (4465880) **4.30** Rugrats (1075396) **4.45** Doug (1063551) **5.00** Sister Sister (1025) **5.30** Moesha (7938) **6.00** Round the Twist (7551) **6.30-7.00** Sussed! (8803)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (1261) **7.30** Benson (4087) **8.00** Due South (59261) **9.00** Almost Perfect (41754) **9.30** Taxi (36261) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (24984) **10.30** Flying Blind (48272) **11.00** Barry Welsh is Coming (40071) **11.30** Nightstand (26377) **12.30am** Sledge Hammer! (58878) **1.00** Due South (82965) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight (10236) **2.30** Barry Welsh is Coming (98743) **3.00** Flying Blind (89781) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (13323)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (2808809) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (6503416) **2.00** Return of the Saint (2203629) **3.00** The Champions (8906445) **4.00 FILM: Smile** (2873990) **6.00** Joe 90 (8164025) **6.30** Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (8155377) **7.00** The Water Margin (5144754) **8.00** Starsky and Hutch (5120174) **9.00** Crime Story (5140938) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Road Games** (8905716)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (4098532) **7.00** The Agony Experience (4301209) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (6605261) **8.20** A Taste of Wales (5069006) **8.55** Turnabout (7429193) **9.35** Call the Doctor (9684434) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (3050964) **10.05** Jerry Springer (7925483) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8794483) **11.55** Food and Drink (28338880) **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit (93892938) **12.50** Gabrielle (9816391) **1.40** Rolonda (6304087) **2.30** Agony (4984990) **3.00** Live at Three (8009759) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (4802342) **4.30** Talkabout *(9211822)* **5.05** *Lingo (92142803)* **5.30** Lucky Ladders (4995006) **6.00** Bewitched (4992919) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6172735) **7.05** The New Mr and Mrs Show (4878919) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (2958358) **8.00** General Practice (2257071) **9.00 FILM: A Bunny's Tale** (4582667) **9.50** Entertainment Now! (42709713) **11.00-12.00** Erogenous Zone (4387629)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (1613) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (70396) **6.30** Catchphrase (1919) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (4377) **7.30** Hart to Hart (85803) **8.30** Duty Free (2532) **9.00** Bergerac (19813) **10.00** Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Kissing the Gunner's Daughter (12700) **11.00** Rising Damp (66087) **11.30** Evening Shade (63174) **12.00** Moonlighting (53781) **1.00am** Bergerac (28781) **2.00** Hart to Hart (72675) **3.00** Moonlighting (86965) **4.00** All Together Now (47304) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (26236)

MTV

The 24 hour music channel. Includes news, reviews, live concert footage, interviews and the latest music video charts

VH-1

The video hits channel. Classic rock and pop videos and the best new sounds

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Lifestyle East **8.30** Campus **9.00** Shri Krishna **9.30** Chehre **10.00** Hasrelain **10.30** Kachwa Aur Khargosh **11.00** Cookery Programme **11.30** Zaike Ka Safar **11.30** Ten Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup **12.00** Andaz **12.30pm** Intezaar **1.00** Bengali Movie **4.00** Mere Saath Chal **4.30** Sona Chandi **5.00** Zee Zone **5.30** Zee Presents **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** BBCD **7.30** Aahaa **8.00** News and Euronews **8.30** Antakshari **9.00-12.00** Hit Star Season — Mumtaz: Apna Desh

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
8.00pm WCW Nitro: Where the Big Boys Play! (38455174) **9.00 One Spy Too Many (1966)** (38456261) **11.00 The Outfit (1974)** (91399071) **12.50am The Safecracker (1958)** (97526965) **2.30-5.00 Double Trouble (1967)** (60002256)

CRICKET 45
Why Simpson has little time for the English game

SPORT

GOLF 48
Way struggling to keep a grip on European tour

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22 1996

Juventus show Ferguson the way to go

By Rob Hughes
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN winter's bite is harsh, and your team is beaten by a penalty, it takes a grand game to warm 53,529 chilled souls seated in a football stadium. But we shall remember November 20, a night on which Juventus, the champions of Europe, dominated Manchester United with controlled movement and technique for half the game, a half in which it was as clear as the luminous moon that English clubs still have an awful lot to learn.

Alex Ferguson, the most successful manager in the British game, owned up after the final whistle. "It was a disappointing score, but not a disappointing night," the Manchester United manager said. "These are the nights of Europe you remember. It would be silly to think you should dominate just because you are at home: the Juventus movement of the ball and their work ethic was fantastic."

So, in its fashion, was the way the will of the crowd transmitted to young players such as Ryan Giggs and David Beckham on United's wings, so that, for the second half, chasing the game, Manchester could at least recapture pride in defeat.

Such a wonderful, spirited, obsessional pursuit, this football. Alas, in Portugal in the same European Champions' League competition on Wednesday, came reports of a distasteful, foul-ridden, drawn match between FC Porto and AC Milan, after which a brawl in the tunnel was ignited, allegedly, by a malicious butt from George Weah. The most lauded footballer in the world, a Liberian who could yet be destined to play for Arsenal, apparently lost his head and butted Jorge Costa, the Porto captain, so viciously that the Portuguese player was taken to hospital with a suspected broken nose.

Thank goodness for the cold reality of northern England. There, the defeat, but not yet the end of United's quest for European success, had certain defining moments. One was in the fortieth minute, when Alen Boksic glided past David May. In full flight, he suddenly stopped and dragged back the ball, while May kept on running. It was reminiscent of Billy Wright and Ferenc Puskas, the lesson of another November, 43 years ago, when Geoffrey Green, in this newspaper, suggested that Wright was so deceived that he ran off like a fire engine towards the wrong fire.

What has changed is the athleticism, the speed and stealth with which a man such as Boksic, whom Ferguson sought to buy for £6 million, guides the ball. Because Peter Schmeichel managed to block the angle, it came to nothing. But the winning moment had already happened.

Youth was at the heart of it, as Nicky Butt was drawn into an injudicious tackle on Alessandro del Piero. The penalty, though induced, was right, and Del Piero was unforgiving from the spot. However, youth is not the excuse. Del Piero, just 22, is barely two months older than Butt has served much of his last learning year on military service.

The young ones were only momentarily the heart of the matter. In the quiet of Old Trafford afterwards, both managers had something to say about the influence of the French. "The best two French men this night played for Juventus," Marcello Lippi, the Juventus coach, observed. Ferguson could not disagree, could not this time defend Eric Cantona, whose nervy finishing mirrored the statistic that told us United had an inaccuracy count of missing the target in ten of 14 attempts.

Didier Deschamps dominated the centre of the field. Zinedine Zidane, balding though only 24, strode forward and dispensed pinpoint and imaginative passes. "I thought Zidane was fantastic," Ferguson said. "We looked at him four times at Bordeaux last season, but he has developed fantastically well.

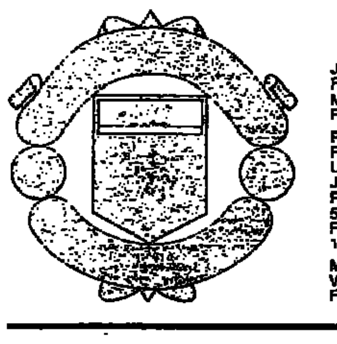
"He has lost a lot of surplus weight, he's looking really lean since going to Juventus. At Bordeaux, we couldn't decide which was his best position; it says a lot for Lippi that he has become such an obvious talent in midfield now."

So, Ferguson was admitting that he had looked for another French talent, one who has taken the place of Cantona in his national side, for his own team. Twice beaten by Juventus, beaten for the signatures of both Boksic and Zidane, Ferguson is still looking for quality and still likely to recruit from abroad. On Wednesday night, the Italians — players and journalists — were refuelling the speculation that Fabrizio Ravanelli would join United.

Ravanelli, indeed, was among the United crowd. He stayed late and spoke to important figures at United. But Ferguson has said that he would not entice the player away from Middlesbrough, managed by Bryan Robson, his former protégé.

Yet the game of procurement is destructive. Ajax, European Cup finalists for the past three seasons, are a shadow of their former selves after the asset-stripping consequences of the Bosman ruling. On Wednesday, Ajax lost at home to Auxerre despite having two-thirds of the possession and enough chances to have won comfortably.

But at least nothing happened there to sully the essence of football. In Portgual, it did. Milan were by far the more culpable in a game of 53 fouls, and José Carlos Esteves, the Porto team doctor, said he was an eye-witness, as was the referee, to "a deliberate headbutt by Weah. It was a savage attack. I have never seen anything like it, this is not sport." No sir, but Old Trafford was.



GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	5	4	1	0	9	1	13
Fenerbahçe	5	2	1	2	3	4	7
Man Utd	5	2	0	3	4	3	6
R Vienna	5	0	2	3	2	10	2

RESULTS: Juventus 1 Manchester Utd 0; Rapid Vienna 1 Fenerbahçe 1. Manchester Utd 2 Rapid Vienna 0; Fenerbahçe 0 Juventus 1. Rapid Vienna 1 Juventus 1. Fenerbahçe 0 Manchester Utd 2; Juventus 5 Rapid Vienna 0. Manchester Utd 0 Fenerbahçe 1; Manchester Utd 0 Juventus 1; Fenerbahçe 1 Rapid Vienna 0.

MATCHES TO COME: Dec 4: Rapid Vienna v Manchester Utd; Juventus v Fenerbahçe.

Sheasby steps in to entertain at Twickenham

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

FOR SOME, birthday presents come early. Chris Sheasby has been acting as the England rugby union squad's entertainments officer during their four days together this week but yesterday the replacement back-row forward came off the bench and will win his first cap, one week ahead of his thirtieth birthday, against Italy at Twickenham tomorrow.

Sheasby's belated chance arrived when Ben Clarke was finally forced to concede yesterday that a badly-bruised leg that has prevented him from training for the past week would not allow him to take his place in the back row. Tim Rodber will move from No 8 to take up the blind-side flanker role with which he is thoroughly familiar and Sheasby will take his place, joining forces with his scrum half from Wasps, Andy Gomarsall, and his club captain, Lawrence Dallaglio; Martin Corry, of Bristol, joins the replacements for the first time.

"No 8 is my preference. I like to control things and run the back-row moves," Sheasby, a part-time teacher at Pangbourne College, Berkshire, said. "It is perfect to be linking up with my club colleagues — I certainly won't feel lost."

The highlight of Sheasby's career to date was his part in the England team that won the inaugural World Cup Sevens in 1993 but, to a degree, that success has blighted his career. His elevation now completes a meteoric rise for a player frequently written off as a sevens exponent only.

That Sheasby grafted so successfully for Harlequins was ignored until last year when England A recognised his qualities; his move across London to Wasps last summer, though a surprise to many, has been thoroughly justified in that their style of play suits Sheasby's dynamic approach and carried him into the national squad ahead of last season's England A captain, Tony Diprose.

That Sheasby also moved because he felt his loyalty to Harlequins had been undervalued is a matter for him and the club where he spent ten years. Towards the end of that period he did not enjoy the best of relationships with Richard Best, director of rugby at the Stoop, who may be in hot water with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) for derogatory remarks made about union members and the present England management in the most recent edition of *Rugby News*.

Best, the England coach between 1992 and 1994, and the RFU parted company on the worst of terms but publication of critical remarks of his successor, Jack Rowell, on the eve of the first international of the season will win him few friends. "It is not my practice to comment on or criticise the work of other coaches," Rowell said. "I do not understand the motives of people who seek to disrupt the preparations of the national team."

Sheasby, 16 stone and 6ft 3in, will be the fifth newcomer in the XV tomorrow, but the quintet will be given little opportunity to find their feet by the captain, Phil de Glanville: "There is no honeymoon period on the pitch and they know that," de Glanville said. "It will be a special moment for all of them but we need them contributing from the first minute."

The new captain has also warned against undue equanimity by England's supporters against a thoroughly experienced Italy side that encountered travel difficulties before arriving in London last night. A crowd of 50,000 is expected, though tickets will be on sale tomorrow — a rare event in recent times — and de Glanville said: "Italy will be here to prove they should be part of the five nations' championship and I can see no reason why they should not be admitted."

Sheasby: dynamic style

MARC ASPLAND

The England squad, which will include five newcomers against Italy tomorrow, trains in the lengthening shadows at Twickenham yesterday

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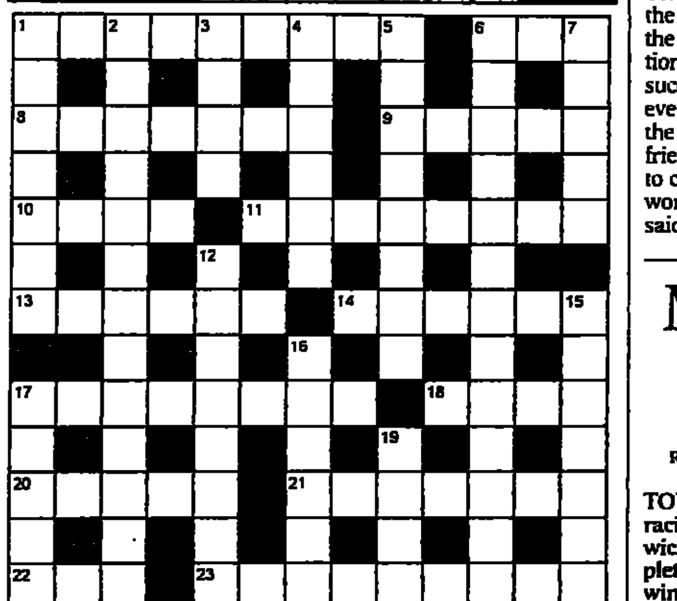

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- 6 . . . a dram of it (3)
- 8 Adhere to (cause) (7)
- 9 Warm and humid (5)
- 10 Lie in furtive wait (4)
- 11 Superficial, like beauty (4-4)
- 13 Firework; severe reprimand (*slang*) (6)
- 14 Grab (6)
- 17 Frozen sweet (3,5)
- 18 Slender; unconvincing (excuse) (4)
- 20 Upright (5)
- 21 Swimmer's air-tube (7)
- 22 Child; another dram (3)
- 23 One who comes next (9)

DOWN
- 1 Unscrupulous operator (7)
- 2 Resumption of friendly relations (13)
- 3 Drive (animal) off (4)
- 4 On which good learners are quick (6)
- 5 Womanly (8)
- 6 Of not much value, interest (2,5,6)
- 7 Settle debt (3,2)
- 12 Rubbish, waste (8)
- 15 Dealer; animal trainer (7)
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McCoy hurries to his century of winners

By Richard Evans
RACING CORRESPONDENT

TONY McCOY rewrote racing's record books at Warwick yesterday when he completed the earliest century of winners achieved by a National Hunt jockey. The 22-year-old rider beat the previous record held by Peter Scudamore, who reached the 100 mark on December 20 in 1988 and 1989. "It's unbelievable, absolutely brilliant," McCoy said after being cheered into the winner's enclosure on Class Of Ninetytwo after the Shipston Handicap Chase. "Three years ago I could not even get 100 rides."

In his first season in England, McCoy rode 74 winners to be leading conditional jockey and last year his 175 victories made him champion jockey.

He rode his first winner this season on the opening day at Perth in June and required only 331 rides to complete his century. However, technically, his was not the fastest hundred. Scudamore achieved his centuries in a considerably shorter time as the jumps seasons then began in August, two months later than now.

Scudamore, who was at Warwick to see McCoy's feat, reflected: "It's a fantastic achievement whichever way you look at it. I have tremendous admiration for Tony."

If McCoy avoids injuries, he is likely to be champion jockey for the second successive year and could beat the overall record of 221 winners in a season, set by Scudamore in 1989.

McCoy has decided to appeal against his recent Newton Abbot whip ban. The hearing is expected to take place on Tuesday. The three-day suspension, if it is confirmed, will rule him out of the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury tomorrow week.

McCoy: record-breaker

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Houston delighted as Spencer goes west

By Russell Kempson

JOHN SPENCER, the Chelsea striker, moved across west London to join Queens Park Rangers for £2.5 million yesterday. He is likely to make his debut against Reading at Elm Park tomorrow.

Spencer, 26, was Chelsea's leading scorer with 14 league and cup goals last season, but had become an increasingly peripheral figure at Stamford Bridge. He made only four substitute appearances in the FA Carling Premiership this season.

It is the first signing by Stewart Houston, the QPR manager, since he left Arsenal to take over at the Nationwide League first division club two months ago. "I'm delighted at being able to sign John," Houston said. "He's going to be a great asset. He has a good background and a lot of experience for someone of his age. I had to move quickly once I knew he was available."

Rangers are without Kevin Gallen, the England Under-21 forward, for the rest of the season after he damaged ankle ligaments. Spencer, who was a member of Scotland's Euro 96 squad, joined Chelsea from Rangers for £450,000 four years ago.

Alan Shearer's renowned powers of recuperation have ensured a swift return to Newcastle United's Premiership title chase. Only a month after undergoing groin surgery, he will play against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge tomorrow.

Shearer, scorer of eight goals in 13 matches this season, has missed six league and cup games. His recovery took on greater significance when Les Ferdinand, his strike partner, was ruled out for six weeks after fracturing a cheekbone on Saturday.

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, also spent yesterday mulling over the future of Darren Huckerby. Coventry City have made an offer of £1 million for the striker, 20, who spent a week on trial at Highfield Road last month.

Coventry have announced losses of almost £8 million for the year ended last May, the result of spending £7.8 million on new players. The club's summer signings, Gary McAllister and the Belgium international, Reggie Genaux, are not included in the accounts.

Stan Lazaridis, the Australia winger, is to sign a three-year extension to his contract with West Ham United. Manchester City have failed in an attempt to lure Mark Schwarzer, the Australian goalkeeper, from Kaiserslautern, in Germany.

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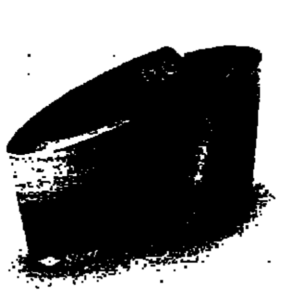

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Brussels applies brake to inquiry on tourism fraud

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

THE European Commission has acknowledged for the first time the existence of large-scale corruption among some of its officials, but a Belgian police investigation is being blocked by the Commission's refusal to allow officials to be questioned.

Fresh evidence of a long-standing scandal in the Commission's tourism division emerged this week in a report by the Court of Auditors, the European Union's official watchdog which accuses the Brussels executive with failing to crack down on the fraudulent misuse of funds in the tourism budget. The funds, which average about £5 million a year, are used to promote such things as studies and building projects in member states.

George Tzoanos, former chief of the tourism unit, has been in police custody in Brussels since last January on suspicion of bribery and fraud, but no charges have been brought. His wife and a French former Commission employee are free on bail.

Last month the European Parliament froze a quarter of Commissioners' salaries until the Commission stops financial abuses in its management, notably in the tourism area. In the biggest case of its kind to come to light at the Commission, the arrested men are alleged to have been involved in the extortion of bribes in return for authorising the funding of projects to promote tourism in Greece, France and other states.

In its response to the auditors' study, handed to the European Parliament on Tuesday, the Commission said that investigations had shown "large secret payments to members of Commission staff in return for the award of grants". The Commission said that closer co-operation with national prosecutors "should make it possible to bring all those involved in such types of fraud before the courts".

However, the Belgian fraud police, brought in last year after complaints from the European Parliament, say that their inquiry has been stalled by the Commission's refusal to lift the immunity of the Director-General responsible for tourism policy and of two former senior officials, including Alan Mayhew, a Briton.

Heinrich von Moltke, who headed Directorate-General 23 throughout the alleged abuse of funds, was ordered last month to take early retirement. Officials say that his record is unblemished. As the beneficiaries of a diplomatic status, EU officials enjoy lifelong immunity from the attentions of national police.

Edward McMillan-Scott, Conservative MEP for North Yorkshire, whose campaigning launched the Belgian police inquiry last year, welcomed the Commission's acknowledgment of the existence of the bribes racket, but accused it of engaging in a systematic cover-up. He called for a parliamentary inquiry into the alleged corruption. The auditors' report had pulled its punches by failing to identify culprits, he said.

The Commission, charged by the auditors with dragging its feet on a promised clean-up, has reorganised the tourism department and asked its internal fraud investigators to report on all 475 projects funded between 1990 and 1994.

The results will not be known until next June. Christos Papoutsis, the Commissioner in charge of tourism, said the corruption was a "thing of the past" that did not involve the Commission which took office last year under Jacques Santer.

Paris gives its highest honour to Malraux

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

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André Malraux as Minister for Cultural Affairs in the 1960s, and below, the Panthéon

THE ashes of the writer André Malraux will be placed alongside the earthly remains of France's most revered citizens in the Panthéon in Paris tomorrow in a ceremony marking the culmination of a carefully orchestrated campaign of hero worship.

France lauds its celebrated dead like no other nation, and in recent days the adoration of Malraux as soldier, freedom fighter, philosopher, statesman and fashion icon has reached a crescendo.

His raffish features now appear on the three-franc stamp and editions of his works, most notably *La Condition Humaine* and *l'Espoir*, are flooding bookshops. The Paris Métro is festooned with posters recalling his words and thoughts, and last week *Elle* magazine devoted an entire feature to the "Malraux style".

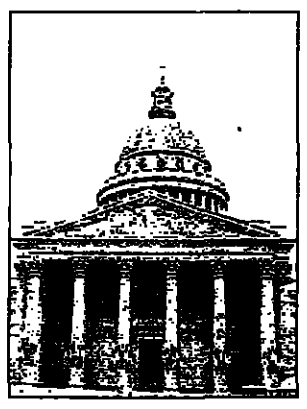
Exactly 20 years after Malraux's death at the age of 75, President Chirac will join such literary luminaries as Vaclav Havel, Saul Bellow and Mario Vargas Llosa at the Panthéon, where the writer's remains will take their place next to those of Voltaire, Hugo and Rousseau.

M Chirac's eulogy is likely to dwell not only on Malraux's writings, but also on his Far Eastern travels, his role as a Republican fighter in the Spanish Civil War, and his bravery as a French Resistance leader.

Much attention has rightly been paid to Malraux's role as President de Gaulle's Culture Minister between 1959 and 1969, when he launched a campaign to restore France's great monuments and establish cultural centres throughout the country.

The event has also provided an opportunity to discuss the more complex aspects of his life: such as his heroin addiction, his wide sexual appetites, the temples he allegedly robbed in Cambodia in the 1920s and his strange political odyssey, beginning with sympathy for Communism, evolving through bitter opposition to fascism and colonialism, and ending with Malraux as the staunch conservative and anti-Communist.

Only the extreme-right National Front has challenged his right to a place in the Panthéon, which is the highest honour France can bestow.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Italians break up art ring

Rome: Italian police said yesterday that they had broken up an international art smuggling ring and retrieved a "priceless" haul of antiquities, including Greek vases and a fourth-century sarcophagus (Richard Owen writes).

The operation had involved police in Italy, France, Germany, Austria and the United States. Two Italian art smugglers who masterminded the ring are under arrest.

Sihanouk backs Amnesty plea

Phnom Penh: King Sihanouk has urged the Government to punish drunken soldiers who allegedly killed six children with a rocket launcher in September. He said that Amnesty International had written to him and it was "my duty to support all the legitimate requests made by Amnesty International". *(AP)*

Bomb in lift

Sofia: A Bulgarian insurance company official was killed and two others were hurt by a bomb in a lift in the Black Sea port of Varna. Bombings are often used to settle business conflicts here. *(Reuter)*

Soldiers killed

Bangui: Four loyalist troops were killed by mutinous soldiers in the Central African Republic, where a five-day revolt has paralysed the capital. France has reinforced its Bangui garrison. *(Reuter)*

Chiluba sworn in

Lusaka: President Chiluba of Zambia was sworn in for a second term, having won about 70 per cent of the 1.19 million votes counted in elections marred by an opposition boycott. *(Reuter)*

Bryant loses cash

Hobart: The Tasmanian parliament has stripped Martin Bryant, the Port Arthur mass killer due to be sentenced today, of his wealth, amounting to about A$1 million (£480,000). *(Reuter)*

Fatal appeal

Nairobi: Johana Ndung'u, 27, serving a six-year prison sentence for robbery with violence, had a rude shock here when the Court of Appeal replaced the jail term with a death sentence. *(AFP)*

19 die in blast

San Juan, Puerto Rico: At least 19 people were killed and dozens injured when an explosion at a shoe store nearly destroyed a six-storey building. The cause was believed to be a gas leak. *(AP)*

Blockade takes toll in France

By Ben Macintyre

MORE than 50,000 lorry drivers blocked roads and fuel depots across France yesterday in an growing dispute over pay and working conditions that has begun to take a toll on the country's economy.

For the fourth successive day, they barricaded ports, motorways and access roads, causing vast traffic jams at 30 French cities including Bordeaux, Toulouse, Lyons and Le Mans. The drivers are demanding increased wages, shorter working hours and a retirement age of 55 rather than 60. As the dispute continued, supermarkets and petrol stations began running low on supplies.

Jeff Linden, 38, a British lorry driver, was taken to hospital with cuts and bruises after being attacked by French drivers when he attempted to break through the blockade at Bordeaux. About 700 British lorries, with perishable goods rotting in their vehicles, have been trapped in France by the dispute.

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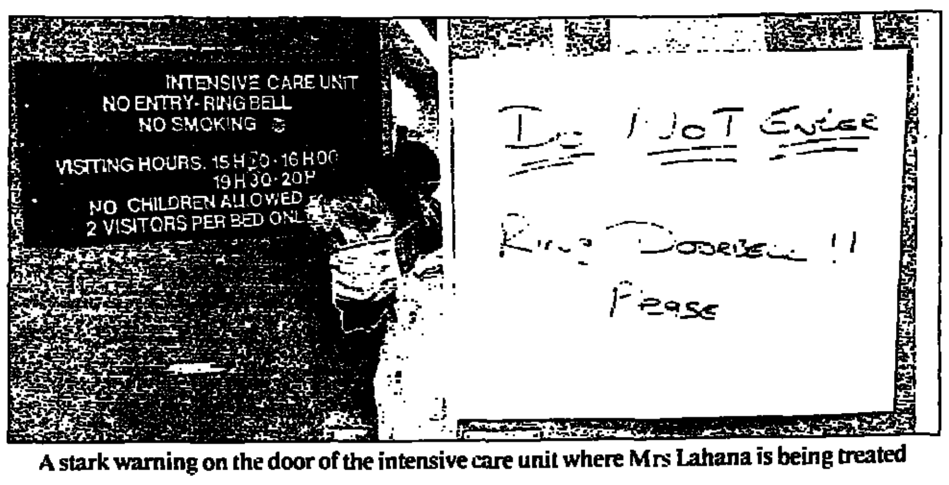
Fears over Ebola grow as two more South Africans fall ill

FROM INIGO GILMORE
IN JOHANNESBURG

FEARS of a spread of Ebola in South Africa grew yesterday as authorities announced that they were monitoring two more medical staff with symptoms of the deadly virus.

The two under observation are colleagues of Marilyn Lahana, 46, a nurse who was diagnosed with the virus last weekend. She is in critical condition at Johannesburg General Hospital. Medical authorities said that more than 200 people who had come into contact with Mrs Lahana, 46, were under surveillance. The two who are regarded as specially at risk are believed to have been exposed to the virus during cleaning-up operations at the clinic where Mrs Lahana worked.

She apparently contracted the disease from a doctor who was visiting South Africa, and it marks the first time the virus has escaped from its usual rural milieu to a densely populated city. With doctors holding out little hope for her short-term recovery public nervousness persists, despite reassurances from health authorities and President Mandela. There is no known cure for the virus which is transmitted by body fluids.



A stark warning on the door of the intensive care unit where Mrs Lahana is being treated

An Ebola helpline has been deluged with calls from residents here as rumours about the disease spread. An American tourist received an e-mail message which claimed the South African Government was lying when it said the disease had been contained: the message also warned him not go outdoors without wearing a mask and advised him to leave the country immediately.

As public fears grew, the child of an employee at the Morningside Clinic, where Mrs Lahana worked, was sent home from school for three weeks until the incubation period was over. "Some people are going bananas," Professor Bob Swanopoel, the doctor in charge of the case, said.

The authorities said a critical phase in the disease was being reached as those who came into contact with the virus cross the incubation threshold. They fear that new cases may arise.

Without early treatment Ebola, which killed 245 people in Zaire last year and 35 people in two outbreaks in Gabon this year, is fatal in 80 to 90 per cent of cases.

In the intensive care unit of the hospital where Mrs Lahana is connected to a dialysis machine and respirator, medical staff are employing barrier nursing procedures: workers wear two pairs of gloves, waterproof aprons underneath the gowns and masks. All the hospital clothing is incinerated after use.

Experts are issuing a warning that the ease of global travel could lead to an outbreak of Ebola anywhere in the world. The doctor from Gabon, from whom Mrs Lahana is thought to have caught the disease, was flown here on a commercial airline by a company specialising in international medical transport. Concern is growing about the lack of regulations governing companies that transport the sick across the African continent and to Europe.

THE DISEASE

THE Ebola virus, named after the Ebola river in Zaire, has emerged periodically to create brief and frightening human epidemics (Nigel Hawkes writes). The assumption is that at other times it infects some animal — species unknown — which acts as a "reservoir". It attacks virtually every organ, liquefying tissue into a mush. Liver, kidneys and brain are all affected and in the disease's final stage victims may go into convulsions.

Marilyn Lahana, the nurse who is fighting for her life after contracting the virus

Gangland gun battles turn Soweto casualty ward into a war zone

R.W. Johnson reports from Johannesburg on the beleaguered hospital that is South Africa's first line of defence against the Ebola virus

THE outbreak of the incurable Ebola virus in Johannesburg has brought home sharply the way in which this most feared of diseases could escape from its present epicentre in equatorial Africa to the rest of the world.

The virus, brought in by a Gabonese doctor who had been treating an Ebola outbreak in Gabon, has infected Marilyn Lahana, a Johannesburg nurse, whose condition has become increasingly critical: 200 others are under close surveillance.

Johannesburg is now the world's frontline city for Ebola: it has such large and frequent international passenger flows that if the virus were to take root it would be impossible to stop it spreading to the rest of the world. In turn, the front line for Johannesburg is Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto, which serves three million people, because the poor Zaireans who flood into Johannesburg as street traders and prostitutes are far more likely to end up in Baragwanath than in the private clinic where Mrs Lahana worked.

Baragwanath is an extraordinary institution. A huge complex built from Second World War military barracks, it has about 3,000 beds. The apartheid Government tried endlessly to focus healthcare on smaller, more manageable hospitals, but the black population continue to flock to Baragwanath.

The hospital has big problems. Listed by *The Guinness Book of Records* as the world's largest hospital, its standards of care and prevention have sagged badly since last year's violent cleaners' strike when the Communist-led union stopped nurses entering the hospital. Law and order in the hospital has never fully recovered. The hospital is filthy, with feral cats roaming the corridors by night eating from the dustbins and plates of food left uncleared. Much of the hospital laundry is dirty and the adult wards are littered with paper, drink cans and bits of food. As you walk the corridors you see puddles on the floor and there is a pervasive stench of humanity.

Dr George Veliotes, the hospital superintendent, agrees that the cleaners are a problem and that threats and intimidation on the premises are common. "People are scared to reprimand anybody in case their kids or family get beaten up," he said. "They simply tell you they will wait for you outside the hospital.

"We cannot fire anybody. If workers arrive drunk and we fire them, there will be a big strike. There is no authority. The hospital only takes action against serious cases such as murder or theft."

He cited the example of a nurse assaulted by a cleaner last year. "She withdrew the charges and left," he said. "The man is still working here. We have not managed to fire him. What do you do? He just waves his pistol at you."

Another problem is that many patients arrive at the hospital as a result of township gang wars, and their opponents come after them. "They just come in here with guns to finish the job," one senior nurse said. "Casualty ward is a war zone: we have had lots of shootouts in there. But, of course, they come into the general ward too and try to shoot their enemies there. Sometimes they manage it."

Not surprisingly, morale is at rock bottom and it is amazing that care is as good as it is in Baragwanath, which the African National Congress wants to rename after Chris Hani, the murdered Communist leader.

What would happen if Ebola-infected patients arrived here, I asked? "Our infection-control unit would diagnose them successfully," a nurse said, "but the problem is care and prevention after that. To be frank, we would struggle to contain a major epidemic if it got started. But the people who might have Ebola come from Zaire and the Ebola incubation period is up to three weeks."

What really stands between Baragwanath and an Ebola epidemic is poverty. Most patients are poor and the Zaireans who arrive at the hospital would take more than three weeks to travel from Zaire to Johannesburg. "Mind you," the nurse added, "if such people were to scrape together the money to afford the air fare from Zaire, then we really would be in trouble."

At present, it seems likely that the Ebola outbreak will be contained but, given the continuing flow of Zairean job-seekers to Johannesburg, it seems that the world's front line against Ebola is decidedly vulnerable.

Fossil discovery in Ethiopia ages mankind half a million years

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN JERUSALEM

A TEAM of American, Israeli and Ethiopian scientists yesterday claimed dramatic progress in charting the evolution of man with the discovery of what is described as the oldest fossil of human ancestors to have been found, together with stone tools and animal bones.

According to *The Jerusalem Post*, the fossil, along with chopping tools, stone flakes and mammal bone fragments, was found on the surface of a remote hill in northern Ethiopia, an area that the three-nation team has been exploring since 1990.

The newly found human fossil consists of the upper jaw of an early *Homo*, the broad genus to which modern humans belong. It has caused a stir in scientific circles because previously discovered sites, all in Africa, in which hominid fossils have been found in layers that included stone tools, were estimated to be no older than 1.85 million years. The latest discovery is estimated, after extensive testing, to be 2.3 million years old. The find linking the fossil to the stone implements was made near a dry stream bed in the Hadar Formation, a 200-yard-thick sequence of rocks and the home of the famous "Lucy" human ancestor found several years ago.

Experts said the volcanic rock fragments were analysed by the single-crystal-laser-fusion method of potassium-argon dating, which details precise ages for volcanic rocks and has revolutionised the dating of events in the history of evolution.

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Amnesty accuses Burundi army of massacring Hutus

By Sam Kiley, Africa Correspondent

HUNDREDS of Hutu refugees, forced home by fighting in eastern Zaire, have been butchered by Burundi's Tutsi army, according to Amnesty International. It said yesterday that it had also documented incidents of killings involving women, children and the elderly.

In Bujumbura last night, Burundi's military regime rejected Amnesty's accusations that up to 500 Hutu refugees, after returning from eastern Zaire, had been killed by its security forces in the latest incidents.

The London-based human right groups, which has a network of informers in Burundi, reported: "These refugees are being forced back to Burundi to face the same terrible human rights abuses that caused them to flee in the first place." The refugees, who had been living in South Kivu province near Uvira, fled fighting between east Zaire's rebels and extremist Hutus from Rwanda who were also living in refugee camps in the area. They arrived in eastern Zaire over the past two years after massacres at the hands of Burundi's Tutsi soldiers.

Unlike Rwanda's largely Tutsi army, which has generally avoided abusing human rights, which are closely monitored by United Nations agents in the field, Burundi's army has had carte blanche to pursue a pogrom against its majority Hutu population.

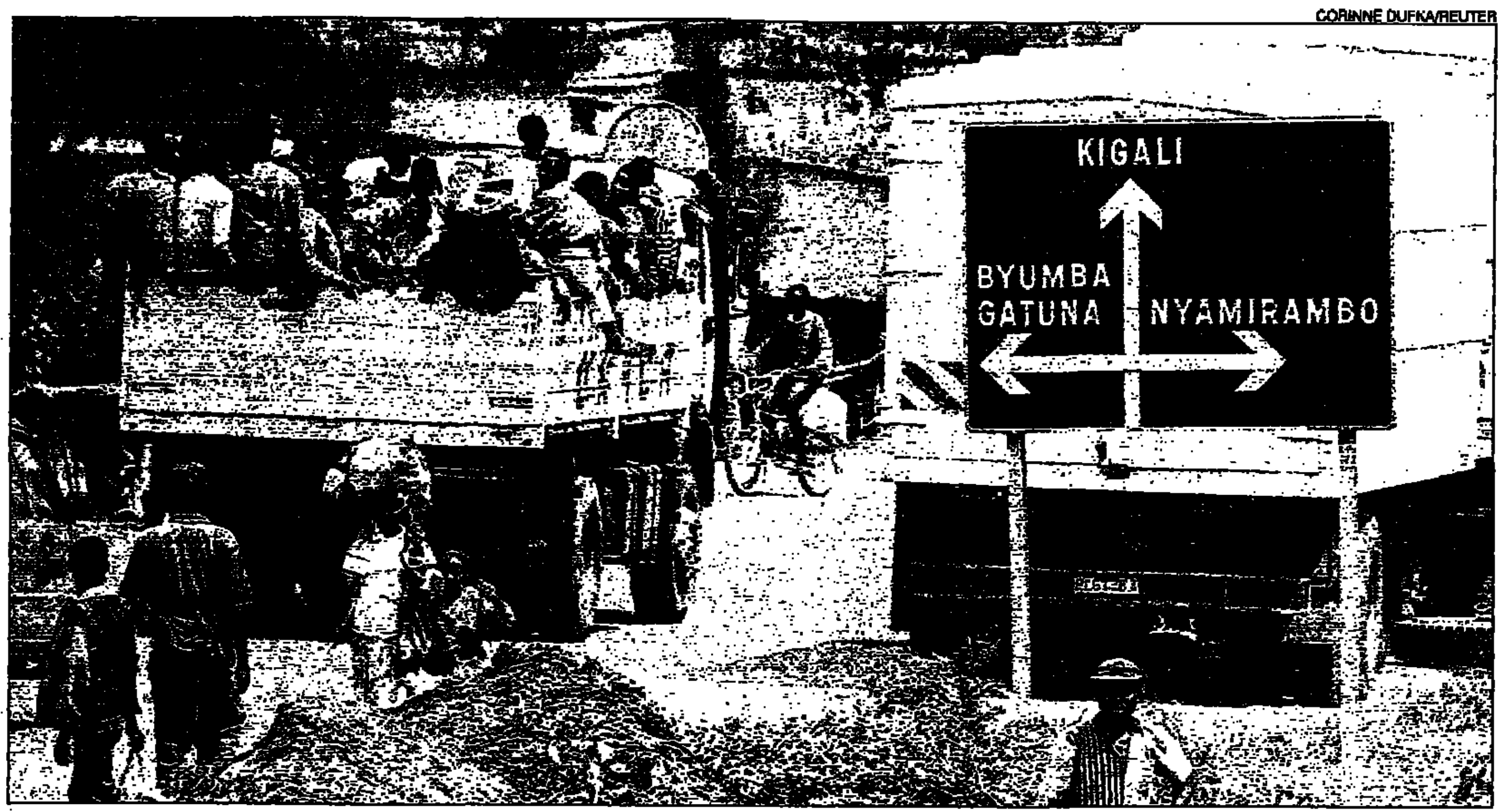
Burundi's Tutsis, who make up 14 per cent of the population, seized absolute power from a tribal coalition government in a military coup in July.

Pierre Buyoya, a former army major, vowed to seek reconciliation with the Hutu majority and has been the target of strict regional economic sanctions since his coup. Since then, Amnesty said, 10,000 Hutus have been killed. On October 22, 400 returnees were rounded up in a church in Cibitoke and all adult males were shot or bayoneted to death. Five days later 20 people were tortured and disappeared in the capital, Bujumbura.

On the same day another 40 were killed before reaching a UN transit camp, another 46 were shot and stabbed to death on November 10 near Bujumbura, the human rights group said.

Other sources said yesterday that the number may be much higher as Burundi's army has also been involved in fighting against a local Hutu militia.

A similar pattern emerged for the north of Burundi. Refugees trying to get through the country, out into Tanzania, had been ambushed by the Tutsi army. Tanzania has been spared the turmoil which has raged throughout the rest of the Great Lakes region.



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A truckload of refugees returning home to Rwanda from camps in east Zaire enters the capital, Kigali, yesterday on the last lap of the trip

Farther north, Uganda has been struck by invasions of Sudan-backed rebels using eastern Zaire and southern Sudan as a base, and the future survival of Zaire's own Government is being threatened by an uprising in North and South Kivu provinces.

In Geneva last night, relief officials confirmed that recent aerial photos have detected about 800,000 refugees and displaced people in a swath of territory around Bukavu and Uvira in eastern Zaire. Of these, 650,000 appeared to be on the move, taking several directions. Another 150,000 were assembled around makeshift shelters on the western shore of Lake Kivu, officials of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies reported.

United Nations investigators have also accused 18 countries, including Britain and South Africa, of selling arms to Rwanda's former Hutu military forces hiding in eastern Zaire, in breach of an international embargo. Zaire seems to have played a "central role" in the arms traffic, with Belgium, France, Italy and Spain among those involved.

☐ **Kampala:** A tour of the Ugandan-Zairean border by Ugandan members of parliament and security officials came to an abrupt end when it was shelled by Zaire-based Ugandan rebels. *(AFP)*

Racism blamed for apathy over aid

From Leyla Linton in Brussels

EMMA BONINO, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid, yesterday accused the world community of indifference bordering on racism in tackling the refugee crisis in eastern Zaire.

"How many lives have to be in danger, how many people missing, to justify a deployment of troops by the 'civilised world'?" she asked the European Parliament. "Is it the colour of their skin which makes the difference, which leads us to believe that it is their inevitable lot to be linked to a cycle of massacres?"

Signora Bonino said a proposed United Nations multinational force was essential to allow relief workers to save lives in Zaire, otherwise they risked being killed or taken hostage. She believed there was an urgent need to disarm the refugees.

Bonino: attack on inertia

The Commission has asked the Western European Union, the European pillar of Nato, to consider how it could help the relief effort. The WEU has discussed providing logistical support.

Countries contributing to the force are due to meet today in Stuttgart to assess the situation after 500,000 refugees left their camps in eastern Zaire and unexpectedly returned to Rwanda last week.

Signora Bonino feared, however, that the mass exodus of refugees would diminish international support for those who remain. "An intervention was considered justified for 1.2 million refugees, and now they say things have changed. Is that what you call the civilised world?" she demanded.

She criticised the European Union's foreign and security policy for being too tied to national interests.

☐ **Kinshasa:** The commander of Zaire's feared Civil Guard will take over as interim chief of staff of the Central African country's army, state radio reported last night.

General Kpama Baramoto Kata, a close ally of President Mobutu, was named by the Defence Minister to replace General Eluki Monga, who was suspended on Wednesday. *(Reuter)*

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Clinton tells Australians to treasure ethnic mix

By Roger Maynard in Sydney and Our Foreign Staff

AFTER a month of intense national debate over Australia's immigration and multicultural policies, President Clinton yesterday argued that a nation's ethnic diversity was its greatest source of strength and pride.

Congratulating the Australian people on uniting so many different nationalities, he said: "I cannot think of a better place in the entire world, a more shining example of how people can come together as one nation and one community than Sydney, Australia."

The greatest challenge facing the world in the next century was to find a way to "let our children define themselves in terms of who they are, not who they are not", he added.

Mr Clinton's remarks follow a dispute over immigration sparked by Pauline Anson, an independent MP, who claimed in parliament that Asian immigrants were swamping Australia.

Her comments caused uproar at the time but have attracted widespread support from middle Australia.

Hillary Clinton avoided racial issues when she addressed an audience of women at the Sydney Opera House. In a speech urging a balanced distribution of power in society, the First Lady said women's rights were human rights, pointing out that the strong female vote in the American elections indicated it was vital that women's issues were addressed.

Democracies in every continent should understand that issues affecting women "are not soft or marginal but are central to the progress and prosperity of every nation", she said.

Mr Clinton will meet Jiang Zemin, the Chinese President, in Manila at the weekend. In China yesterday Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, praised China's progress on human rights. He also came very near to calling the new US-Chinese relationship a "partnership".

Mr Christopher made no mention of the two leading political prisoners, Wei Jingsheng, now serving 14 years after completing almost 15, and Wang Dan, beginning an 11-year sentence following one of almost four years.

In Manila, the Asian Pacific Rim economies yesterday unveiled an ambitious plan to free trade and investment in the world's most dynamic region.

The Manila Action Plan, which outlined the steps to be taken to remove impediments to economic growth, is to be presented for the official imprimatur of 18 world leaders who will hold their summit at Subic on Monday.

Last night Mr and Mrs Clinton flew into the Queensland resort of Port Douglas for a two-day holiday including a snorkelling trip to the Great Barrier Reef.

☐ Under par: President Clinton took to the fairways yesterday with Greg Norman, the Australian golfing legend, and soon found himself getting a few lessons.

Teeing off at the New South Wales Golf Club, Mr Clinton was asked how he felt playing with the world's top player. "Terrified," he said with a smile. As the two progressed around the course, Norman could be seen passing on tips to the President. *(Reuter)*

Christopher: praise

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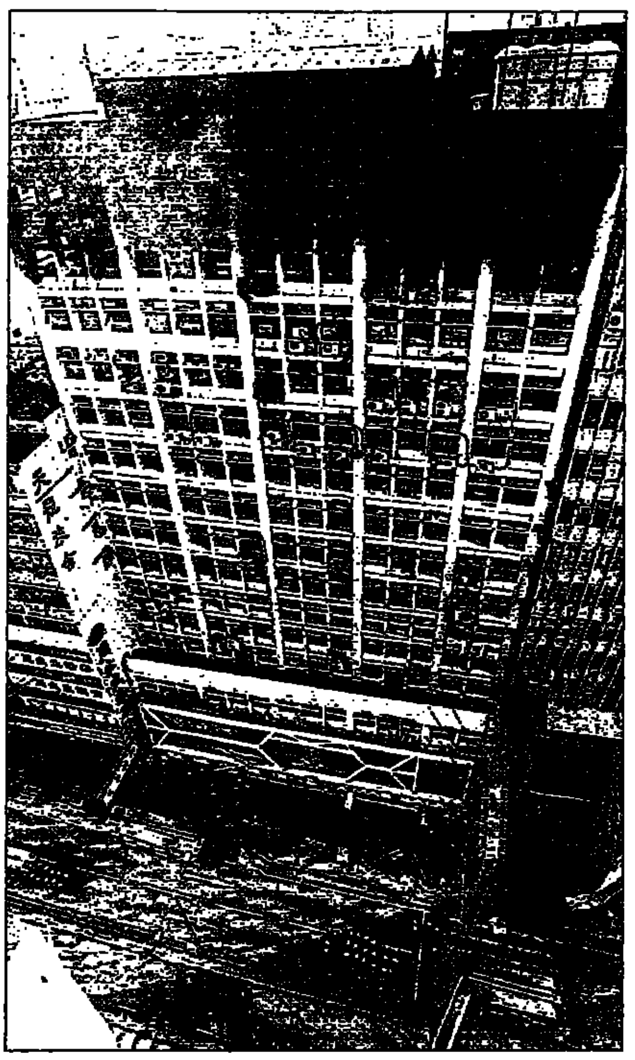
A stranded office worker slumps against a thirteenth-floor window as the Hong Kong fire takes hold


The Kowloon office block where the huge blaze claimed 39 lives. Eighty people were injured

Patten weeps over 39 blaze deaths

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

HONG KONG's worst building fire in a century has killed 39 people.

Eighty people were injured and 39 were still missing last night after a blaze that took 300 firefighters 21 hours to extinguish. The fire began in a 16-floor commercial building in Kowloon. Survivors were carried down ladders or jumped from windows. The building's metal frames and air conditioners melted in the heat.

Firefighters said that they had been delayed in entering the building by locked doors and because there were no fire exits. They said, too, that there was no sprinkler system or adequate fire alarm. Chris Patten, the Governor, reported on the fire — "plainly a terrible tragedy" — to the Legislative Council, weeping as he mentioned "Senior Fireman Liu Chi-hung, who lost his life battling courageously to save the lives of others". The Queen and the Foreign Secretary sent messages of sympathy to the Governor.

Magistrate killed in Taiwan mass shooting

From Reuter in Taipei

ASSASSINS burst into a county magistrate's home, tied up nine people and shot each in the head yesterday, killing the official and seven others.

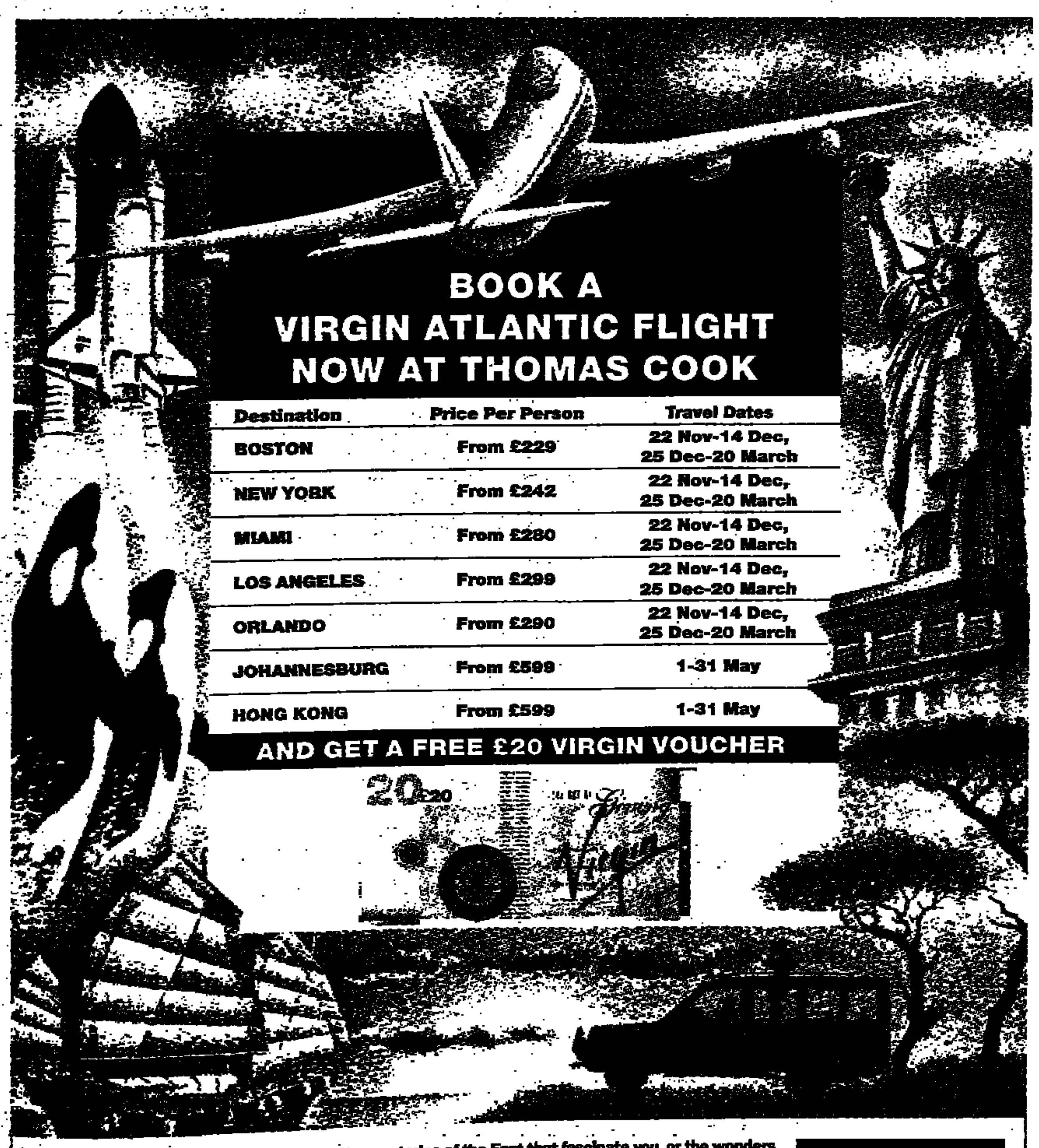
The only survivor was in critical condition last night and was unlikely to live, officials said.

Liu Pang-yu, 54, Taoyuan county magistrate and a member of Taiwan's ruling Nationalist Party, died in hospital seven hours after the shooting. Police said two gunmen raided Mr Liu's home, bound the hands of Mr Liu and eight others and shot each at close range. Five died instantly.

The assassination rekindled memories of the killing in February 1980 of the mother and daughters of a jailed Taiwan independence advocate in a politically charged case that remains unsolved. In August, the Taiwanese Justice Ministry launched a crackdown on crime gangs that Liao Cheng-hao, the Justice Minister, said had infiltrated the country's business and political circles and even parliament, triggering fears of underworld reprisals.

Police said that Mr Liu's killers had worked swiftly in what had all the signs of a premeditated assassination. "The method of the shooting shows that they wanted them to die at once. It took just ten minutes," a police spokesman said from Taoyuan, home of Taiwan's main airport south of Taipei.

Investigators found a stolen getaway car abandoned near by as police mounted a search for the killers. Airports and seaports stepped up checks on departing passengers. The Interior Ministry offered a £650,000 reward for information leading to the assassins' arrest.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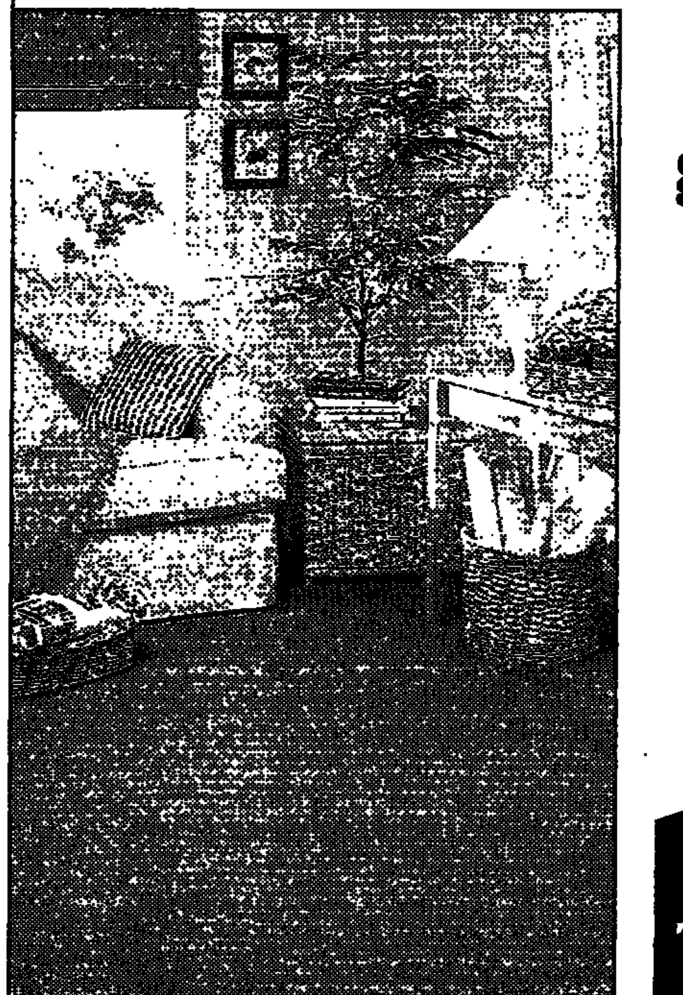

Britain steals a kiss on France

Paris has published a new tourist guide, which says you have to kiss to get the best out of the city, and it offers smart tourists advice on where to get intimate. **Joe Joseph** introduces the definitive British version

A romantic weekend in Paris used to consist of booking a room at a cute Left Bank hotel, dining in a cosy bistro, and then taking a moonlit stroll by the Seine. *If you actually had* a girl to go to Paris with, that was a huge bonus.

But now a new tourist manual — *The Kissing Guide to Paris* — says sleeping, walking and eating aren't enough. You have to smooch to get the best out of the city and it offers advice on where smart tourists can get intimate.

Recommended kissing places include beneath the Pont Neuf, and the Café de l'Hôtel de Ville, where Robert Doisneau took his famous 1950s photo of two lovers kissing — though if you're a coach party, take it in turns: disembarking at kissing sites en masse will confuse the locals into thinking you are an *avant garde* drama troupe that gives impromptu performances of *The Decameron*.

This is just the sort of march that Paris shouldn't be stealing on London, which is again rated as the world's hottest city. Street corners are thick with American and European journalists writing feature articles about how "London is swinging again". Even Parisians are fleeing France for weekends in London to soak up some chicness.

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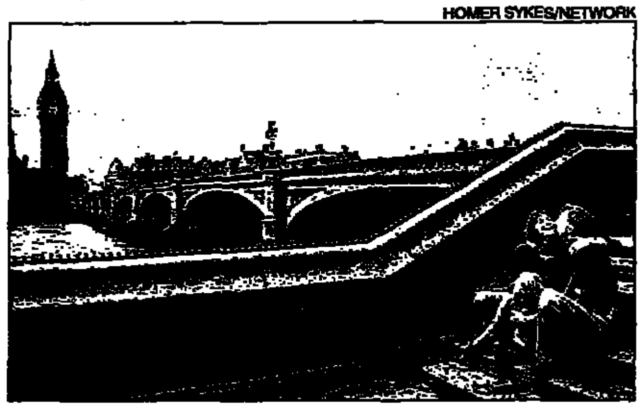


Try a little romance on the steps of Westminster Bridge

So where exactly is *The Kissing Guide to Britain?* It's here:

Trafalgar Square: Central and therefore handy for a quick smooch *en route* to the National Gallery, or the theatre. The symbolism is a bit on the blatant side, but there is the extra thrill of avoiding aerial bombardment by pigeons while *you kiss. Some grown men pay folding* money for this sort of excitement.

10 Downing Street: Exploiting his rapport with people, John Major will soon begin weekly Pope-like addresses to tourist kissers, reminding them that he *didn't always used to kiss in a posh house* in Whitehall. Oh no. Far from it. He used to kiss in two rooms in Brixton. But he believes in choice. Everybody should be free to kiss whom they want to, and where (except maybe John Gummer).

University College, Oxford: *Bill Clinton's* old college: for shy types on a first date who want to try the kissing experience without having to inhale.

Brighton Beach: Perfect spot for film lovers who want to recreate the passion Deborah Kerr and Bert Lancaster whipped up in *From Here To Eternity.* A warning: you'll never get the pebbles out of your swimming trunks and for months afterwards you'll be able to sand whole planks of wood smooth just by sitting on them.

Labour Party headquarters, Walworth Road, southeast London: Ask at the door and Tony Blair will schmooze you while you canoodle: "Yes, kiss. A good kiss. New kisses. Kisses for capitalism. Kisses safe in our hands. A thousand kisses for a thousand years. Kisses for everybody, not just the few. Why? Why not. *Why not?* Emotion. Love. Lips. Red lips. Red Sierra. Red rose. Red Rum. Drink. Drunk. How about it. Why? *Why not*? Your place, my place, our place. Goodnight.

***Headquarters of Sir James Goldsmith's* Referendum Party:** Kissing is allowed, with one proviso: both parties to the union must be balloted first.

BBC Television Centre: A recent arrival on the capital's kissing scene because *once only BBC employees were allowed* to kiss inside TV Centre, but under the new Birtist regime at least 25 per cent of kissing has to be contracted out.

Harrods department store, Knightsbridge: Used to be kissers' paradise, *particularly the lavishly appointed lavatories.* But kissers have switched to Harvey Nichols after Harrods started charging shoppers £1 per lavvy visit.

Harvey Nichols department store, Knightsbridge: "I don't kiss on the mouth," says Julia Roberts, in *Pretty Woman*. Well, the women in Harvey Nichols don't either, but don't get the wrong idea. Harvey Nicks is one of *the* kissing hot spots. Constant kissing in the aisles — though rarely for romantic reasons. It's not just mouths that are avoided. The convention is to kiss without any contact at all.

Wembley Stadium: A shrine for tourists who haven't had a peck for a while and are convinced that kissing's coming home. Just make sure a German coach party doesn't rob you of your romantic climax at the last minute.

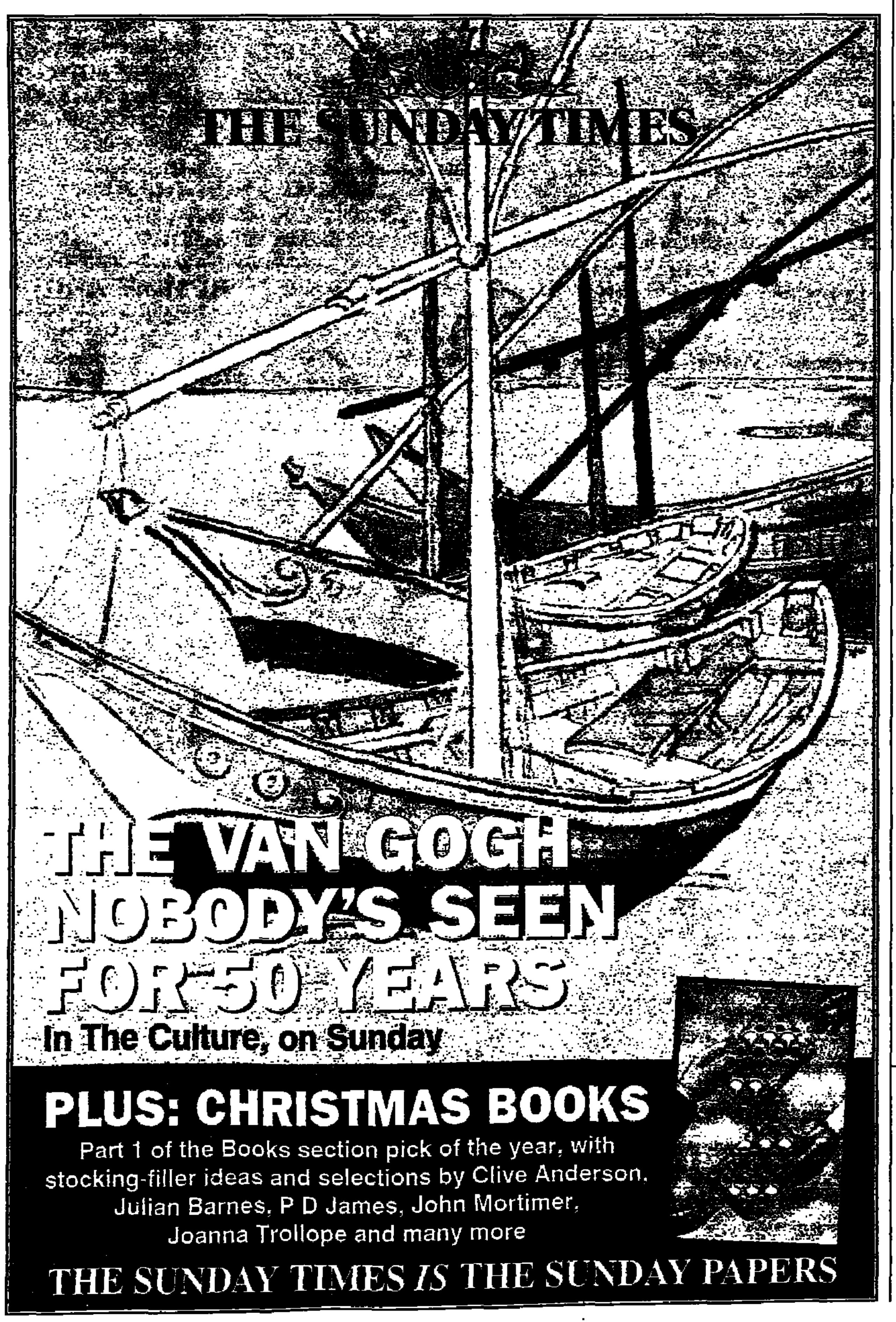
Glyndebourne: Chic outdoors spot for fans of an opera-style kiss, a kiss, I said I want a kiss. (*Chorus:* "She wants a kiss. She says she wants a kiss"). (*Second chorus:* "Well go on, give her one. Well go on, give her one, her one, her one. Well go on, give her one.")

Tower of London: Favourite spot for old-fashioned men keen to kiss their wives in an historical setting: stony, forbidding, and covered in raven droppings — still she's good to the kids and deserves an occasional treat.

Parliament Square: Many MPs will happily sell you a kiss if you hand over £1,000. If they're too busy to kiss you themselves, they will — for the same price — ask around in the House of *Commons to see if they can find anyone* else. In Soho you can get the same thing but without so much sleaze, and the prices are far more reasonable.

If working out where to kiss makes you so edgy that it ruins your holiday, you can do what Woody Allen does in *Annie Hall when he asks Diane Keaton for a* kiss before they have even begun their first date, so there is no awkward anticipation hanging over the event. So if you spot planeloads of French and German tourists snogging in the arrivals lounge at Heathrow, indulge them: they're probably *just shy tourists* trying to quell their holiday nerves.

London is rated the world's hottest city again, and even Parisians are fleeing France for weekends to soak up its chicne



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The day I left my life at Victoria station

Magnus Linklater on a very personal piece of lost property

This is a story with a happy ending — but by God it was a close-run thing. Picture, if you will, the scene at Victoria station last Friday evening. There are five minutes to go before the 6.15 departs for Lewes — time enough for a quick call to my weekend hosts. I balance my personal organiser (it used to be called a diary) on top of the public telephone at Platform 15, dial the number, find it engaged, gather up my luggage and head for the train.

It is as I am sitting in my compartment, lost in Fergie's breast-baring interview with Oprah Winfrey, that an image flashes in some distant cavity of my mind. It is of a personal organiser still sitting mutely on top of the public telephone on Platform 15.

With the image comes a sickening lurch of the stomach as the rest of the brain signals emergency alert. In a single movement I scoop three pieces of luggage from the overhead rack, fling open the door and race back along the platform.

The telephone that I had used looms in the distance, at first blurred, like Omar Sharif in the desert scene from *Lawrence of Arabia*, then finally in focus. It has no familiar little device on top of it. It is naked, empty, sans *personal organiser.*

I pass my hand over the space where I had left it, somehow imagining that it must still be there, temporarily dematerialised. But no, it has gone, perhaps for ever. My *stiff upper lip quivers* alarmingly.

I may have mentioned that a personal organiser is like a diary. The comparison is absurd. It is an integral part of one's being, a component of the central nervous system, a genetic *sine qua non*. A personal organiser contains, electronically stored, every known *piece* of information around which your life revolves. These are not just names, addresses, telephone numbers, dates, anniversaries, notes, *memos*, random jottings and the time in Honolulu. There are *secret* things of the greatest intimacy, guarded by a password which even your wife doesn't know.

But owning a personal organiser has a more insidious effect. Because it is such a reliable databank, the mind *relaxes*, handing over some of its normal responsibilities in the memory area. Thus the half-agreement to address the East Fife Rotarians on Wednesday week, or the reminder *memo that Great Aunt Clare* expects a bed on Tuesday night, are left in limbo because we know that the personal organiser has them in *hand*. Reconstructing its contents is a hopeless task *because the brain has simply* lost the files.

'There are secret things of the greatest intimacy'

Finding it therefore became my obsession. I telephoned Victoria station, or Central Rail Inquiries as it is now called. I knew things were going to be difficult as soon as the voice said: "Hello, my name is Derek. How may I help you?" I explained the problem in *what* John Major would call his specially calm voice.

"Oh dear, this is going to be difficult," said Derek. "Which train were you on?" I said I had not been on a train at the time. I had only been heading for one. "Yes, *but we need to* know what company you were travelling with," said Derek. "You see, they have a special responsibility for their customers and I'm sure they'll do their best to help. Now, was it Connex South East, Connex South Central or Gatwick Express?"

I know I have been away from London for some time but I hadn't realised that they had changed the language. I tried to compensate by speaking very clearly, rather as you might talk to a deranged lunatic holding a gun to the head of your child.

"What would *happen*," I said, "if someone found some lost property in Victoria station and handed it to a porter — *er* . . ." I fumbled desperately for the right words " . . . a railway operative, a customer relations representative, a transport services executive?"

"I simply don't know," said Derek. "You see, with this privatisation we're all a bit at sixes *and sevens*."

Luckily, I didn't believe him. We journalists have ways of finding these things out. Within a mere 24 hours I had determined that there *is* a Lost Property Office *at Victoria station. It is* operated by Railtrack Ltd (of course). You can't speak to it but you can leave despairing messages on its answering machine. A friend, to whom I now owe a debt in blood, called in *and* gave a description. A very nice man called Fred Fernandez, whom I claim as a brother, reported that it had indeed been handed in. I feel I have rejoined the human race.

Lessons to be learnt: always copy the contents of your personal organiser into a computer, provided you can find out how to do it. This will mean that you never get too emotionally entangled with it. *Paste a little notice inside* the lid offering large sums of money to whoever finds it. And make a note of the half dozen or so lost property offices that now serve each of our mainline stations — in your personal organiser, of course.

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'I've been in love, and I have had love affairs. But it's never quite worked out'

Sue MacGregor on why she would be happy to play topless darts — and the moment Fergie almost broke down during her radio interview

I was just after an interview with Kelvin MacKenzie about topless darts that Gary Richardson, the *Today* programme's sports reporter and fallguy, asked Sue MacGregor if she would take part in topless darts. "If it's on radio I'm quite happy," replied Sue amiably, unfazed as always.

The nation's two most famous redheads made a study in contrasts when Sue did the only radio interview with the Duchess of York — chronologically first of many such "exclusives".

Roger Mosey, the *Today* editor, will be on *Feedback* this morning to answer aggrieved listeners (30 callers) who disapproved of a prime-time slot usually reserved for political leaders, being given to such a trivial subject as that woman. His defence is that it was a terrific interview. If it lacked the jokiness of the Ruby Wax treatment, it had an intimacy and directness and millions of us were riveted.

"Yes, I was that very vulnerable, very fragile, very naive person ..." said Fergie. "Very foolish person, too," intercepted Sue, equably. "Being without your husband doesn't inevitably lead to unfaithfulness," Sue went on, "and you have admitted being unfaithful to Andrew." "I haven't admitted it," said Fergie obliquely. Were you unfaithful to him? "I don't think that's relevant ... It's certainly not mentioned in the book ..."

Yesterday morning Miss MacGregor was enjoying a day off; she had been planning a trip to Paris by Eurostar. Everything in her modest, sunny flat is neat, like her: well-coiffed, ever in control, incapable of embarrassing anyone. For 25 years, on *Woman's Hour* and *Today*, she has been the consummate broadcaster, epitome of reassurance, the picture of composure.

The Fergie interview was just another assignment in a life of exacting routines: the 3.30am alarm, her 4.30 arrival at Broadcasting House, her 9am sessions at the health club. She is a veteran of royal interviews: the Duke of Edinburgh, the Princess Royal, Prince Andrew... When she asked Prince Andrew about love, he replied that when the lightning bolt happened, he would know. As they left the studio, he confided that the lightning bolt had already happened, as he had already met Sarah Ferguson.

So ten years on, she found herself waiting for Fergie in a bedroom in the Berkeley Hotel. "She arrived in a mac with her collar up, and no make-up. I thought she was in a rather crestfallen mood, quite close to tears some of the time.

"I felt quite apprehensive about doing this interview, because it's more *In The Psychiatrist's Chair* than *Today*. But I thought, if Diana had been asked about infidelity, one had to ask her [the duchess] that. I think her answer spoke for itself. Had I pushed her harder, I don't think she would have been able to continue without breaking down in tears."

One newspaper suggested that Sue wrote a "mollifying" letter to Fergie afterwards. Did she apologise for her questions? "Absolutely not," said Sue. "I just thanked her for appearing, and for answering the questions courageously. I often write, if it was an important interview and got a lot of attention and was a difficult one for them to do.

"She is not someone with deep intellectual resources to fall back on; and that was part of her charm. What you see is what you get. She is an over-trusting person. And I think the references to 'my man', which some people find hard to take, indicate that she's still dotty about Andrew."

Sue MacGregor, doctor's daughter, grew up in South Africa, which is why she is so addicted to radio: there was no television at all. Within three months of arriving in London in 1967 she was producing *Radio Newsreel* for the World Service, and soon serving a solid apprenticeship on *The World at One* with William Hardcastle.

Her voice has no colonial trace (except when talking to Helen Suzman) but then she lived in Oxford until she was seven. She left school at 16 and for no proper reason skipped university, "a big regret", despite having shone academically.

Her younger sister, a teacher, has twin daughters now reading medicine, one at Oxford and one at Cambridge: "So I live vicariously through them, lapping up every detail about university life."

Was it a lack of education that made the two royal wives so incapable of coping? "That's an intellectually snobbish view," Sue said crisply. "Many people with several degrees can't cope with life. All Fergie did was spend, spend, spend. And as Ruby Wax pointed out" — she is a great admirer of the Full Wax treatment — "she'd given all that Coutts money to good causes."

The only photograph on display in her flat is of Sue with Nelson Mandela in his jolly shirt at his home in Cape Town. There are no clues indicating a secret, rackety life, and it remains a mystery that Sue has remained unmarried all these years: at least three men have told me they were seriously in love with her. I named X and Y. ("Dear X," she says. "Dear Y.") "I used to ask myself that question a lot when I was in my thirties. I suppose I've hesitated to take that enormous step, which comes so naturally to most people. It never quite came naturally to me. I've been in love, and had love affairs, and I still have very close men friends. But it's never quite worked out."

If Sue MacGregor's good sense makes her the antithesis of Fergie, she is also just as much fun, and privately has none of the "nation's nanny" aura. She gives dinner parties and amuses audiences at public events with the putdowns used by politicians, from Paddy Ashdown's "Good morning, Sue" (ie, a rebuke for her lack of greeting), to Norman Tebbit's "I'm surprised at you, Miss MacGregor. Had you read your *Times* you would know..." and so on.

The Brian Mawhinney outburst happened, she says, because he was in a radio car: in the studio, she would have raised an eyebrow and smiled as she asked the offending question.

Her own politics remain impenetrable. "I really am a floating voter who has voted for all sides in my time — unlike my former colleague Peter Hobday, who says it is improper for a journalist to vote at all."

She is properly appalled at the prospect of *Today*'s moving to horrible TV Centre and losing its central London location at the hub of the universe, and also its closeness to Oxford Street. (I once saw her in John Lewis's buying curtains, minutes after *Today* ended.)

If there is a danger of the *Today* programme becoming too formulaic and self-satisfied, she says listeners are sharp with their rebukes. "Increasingly we presenters are bombarded with e-mail, mostly attacking us for not being tough enough with politicians, not for being over-aggressive."

It is amazing that with her fine eyes, good cheekbones and ability to think on her feet, she was not snapped up by television. Desmond Wilcox did ask her to be on *Man Alive*: "He still can't understand why I turned it down." But as a TV star, she might have become subjected to the same unwelcome scrutiny as Anna Ford; her preference is for the intimate anonymity of radio. She hankers to do face-to-face TV interviews, as Jeremy Isaacs did: "But they probably consider me too antediluvian."

She does no homework, only "keeping abreast" of events without seeing *News at Ten* or *Newsnight*. Her old friend Sir Robin Day is useful with his compendious political memory, and she has just acquired her first PC on which she can access the *Today* programme's plans for the next day. She can also access an Internet website called Live Cameras in Switzerland. Here she can see that Klosters, just across the mountain from where she skis with passionate abandon every year, already has plenty of snow.

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

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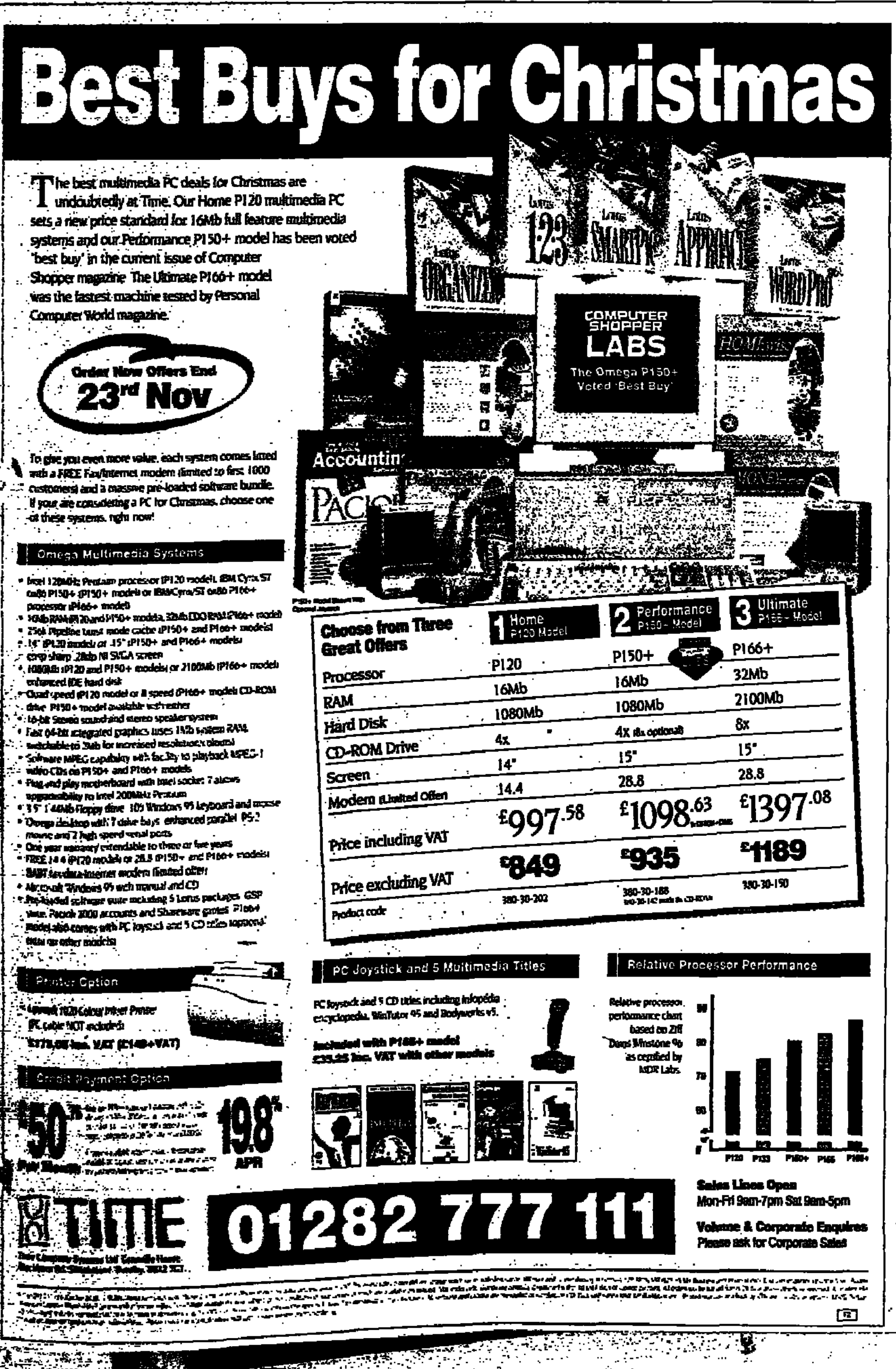
Sue MacGregor, the consummate interviewer: "The duchess is not someone with deep intellectual resources to fall back on; and that was part of her charm"



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Who made mischief for Sir Robin?

Sue Cameron tells the tale of the spin-doctor and the mandarin

Whitehall is braced to take on a new and deeply unwelcome role as party political football in the run-up to the general election. Witness this week's row over the Tories' attack on Labour spending plans and the part played by Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary.

The Cabinet Office described as "a travesty" press reports on Wednesday that Sir Robin had protested to 10 Downing Street about the suggestion that civil servants had improperly helped to prepare the Tory tax "bombshell". Claims that the Civil Service furore had "derailed" the Government's attempt to tarnish Labour's fiscal credibility were harder to deny.

Moreover, it came only days after an outcry over Michael Heseltine's plan to make civil servants draw up teams of cheerleaders for Tory policies. The press revealed that Sir Robin had intervened to stop the Deputy Prime Minister.

Now it is right and proper that Sir Robin, who is Head of the Home Civil Service as well as Cabinet Secretary, should step in and protect Whitehall officials from political impropriety — even if it does mean reprimanding ministers. However, to be seen doing it publicly, and moreover twice in a week, looks like carelessness — or worse. But in fact the Cabinet Secretary was the innocent victim, not the perpetrator, of an effective piece of spin-doctoring, intended to sabotage the Tory tax offensive. As one senior mandarin commented: "It does seem that there was political mischief being made here, almost certainly by the Labour Party. And the handling of the whole affair by the Tories was extremely clumsy."

Labour was mischievous and the Tories were just clumsy

The chief suspect is Jonathan Powell, Tony Blair's chief of staff and a younger brother of the better-known Sir Charles Powell, Margaret Thatcher's private secretary. There is no reason to doubt Mr Powell's proficiency in the black arts of spin-doctoring.

It was the Government's anxiety to play by the book that gave Labour's spinners their chance. The Tories announced that the civil servants who had taken part in costing Labour's plans had followed guidelines laid down by Sir Robin. First came a report on the BBC, suggesting that in following Sir Robin's guidelines, civil servants had gone through every Labour frontbench speech, looking for policy pledges. Civil servants had in fact done no such thing, and would have been in direct breach of the guidelines if they had. But Mr Powell lost no time in drawing this report to Sir Robin's attention. Only much later that afternoon did the Cabinet Office issue a statement saying the BBC report had been misleading and drawing Labour's attention to the guidelines.

But by then the damage had been done. Having been told — erroneously — that Sir Robin had taken the unusual step of sending a formal minute to Downing Street, the London *Evening Standard* had made the story its front-page splash by lunchtime. Labour instantly went on the attack, demanding that ministers apologise to the Civil Service. Attention was diverted away from the Tory attack on Labour spending plans by suggestions that ministers had been dragging civil servants into party politics.

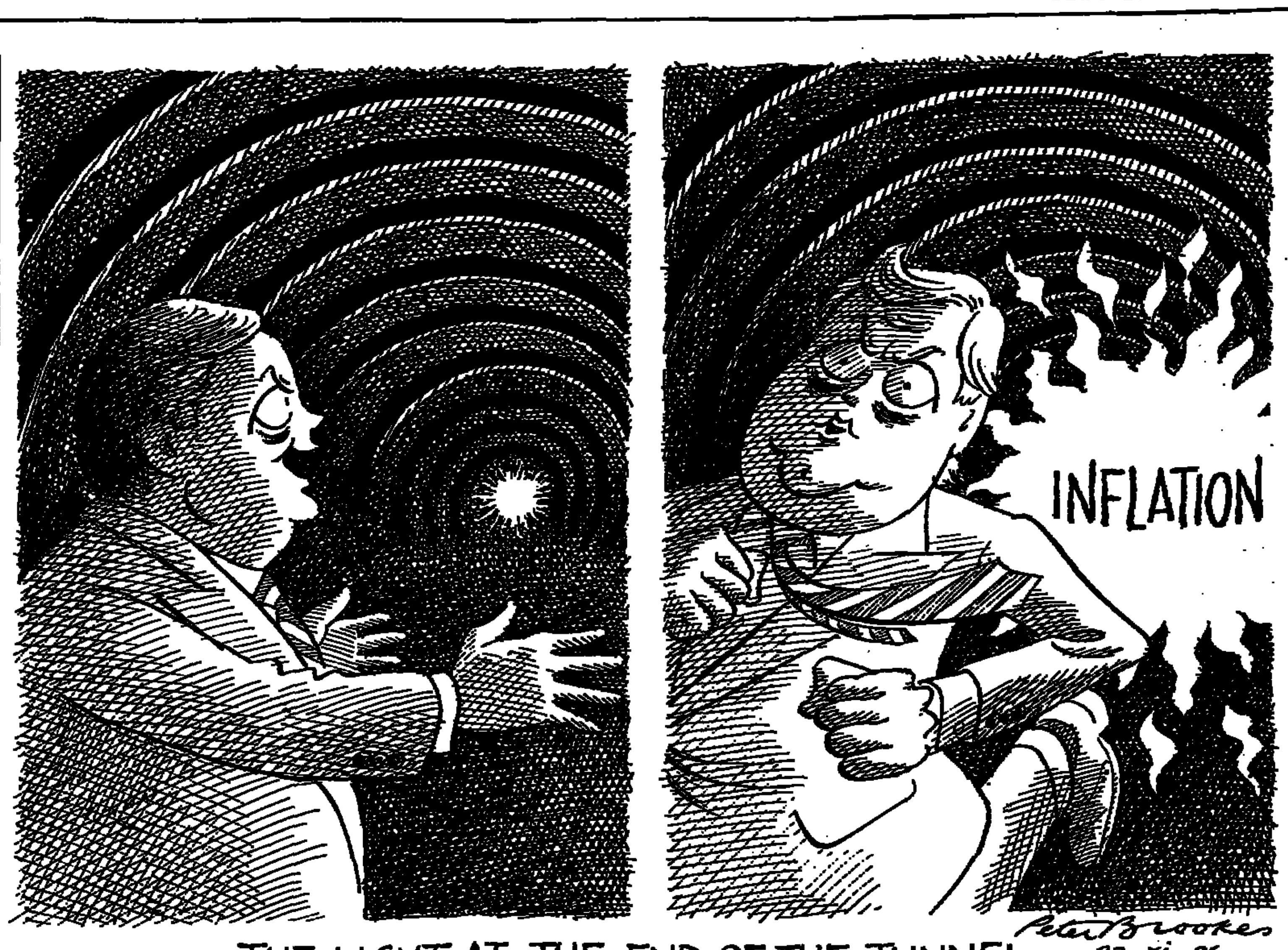
Yet the Tories were quite accurate in saying that officials had followed Sir Robin's guidelines and behaved quite properly. Ten years ago, when he was Second Permanent Secretary at the Treasury, Sir Robin drew up guidance that is clear and specific. "Departments are asked from time to time, under governments of either party, to cost the policies and pledges of their political opponents," it says. "Since departments would provide factual answers to questions from MPs about the costs of identifiable changes in activities or benefits, there is no objection to officials providing such factual information."

The emphasis on facts is crucial. Civil servants must never impugn their political neutrality by, for example, providing a minister with killer phrases for a speech attacking the Opposition. But they can and should provide ministers with hard facts. If ministers use these to criticise the other side, that is their affair.

The guidelines insist that ministers, assisted if they wish by political advisers, must identify exactly what they want costed and what assumptions are to be made. All costings must be cleared with the Treasury before being published. After that, the figures are out of Whitehall's hands, although the guidelines say that officials may "check presentation for factual accuracy and consistency".

Though Sir Robin denies that he was angered by the brouhaha, senior officials believe that he will lose no time in having words with Labour leaders, whom he occasionally meets at the kind of dinners and charity events where all parties are present. Whitehall expects that he will quietly remind Labour of the rules about not embroiling civil servants in party politics. He will point out that the regulations cut both ways: a Labour government would not want its Tory opposition dragging officials into an election row. And he is likely to stress that attempts to impugn Whitehall neutrality by either party could put a strain on relationships between civil servants and politicians — not a happy prospect for an incoming Labour government.

The public would lose too. Voters have a right to know the cost of policy proposals and politicians cannot be trusted to provide accurate information. The professionalism and political neutrality of the Civil Service is the only guarantee that the costings given to the public by ministers will bear some relation to the facts. It would be a tragedy if party political shenanigans were to put such work out of bounds for the Civil Service.



Luvvies and critics

So Michael Bogdanov wants us to see behind the curtain. Only a theatre director could be so vain

Bernard Levin

It comes round once a year, strictly speaking once a year and a half. I myself must have watched the show for something like 30 years, until I could take no more and gave in for ever. The pattern never changes, but the speaker does, very frequently, for it is felt that the tremendous burden would break the back, nay, the very soul, of so treasured a figure.

Some fainthearts have said that surely it will be stowed away for ever soon (some scoundrels have even said that it should never have started), but I knew better, and I was right. The bell rang once more only a week or two ago, so it is fully fresh — or would be fully fresh if it were not steeped fathoms deep in the stink.

What, you ask, is all this about? If you keep quite still when the wind is in the west, you will know, because faintly, then less faintly, then loudly and then tremendously loudly, you will hear the complaints.

Which complaints, and who is complaining about what? Why, of course, it is the Luvvies who are doing the complaining — it is *always* the Luvvies who are complaining. And why are they always complaining? Why, because they think they have not got their true and complete deserts.

The Luvvies are coming! The *Luvvies are coming!* How many times, over how many years, have I heard that cry? And the cry is, was, and will ever be: "We are actors, we are directors, we are people of the theatre, so we must be treated and fêted to show the world how important we are — so important that we, rather than the author, really should be taking the bows."

I tell you, and I tell you true, that there can be no trade or work or business or craft or vocation — not even a Member of Parliament or a newspaper columnist — that can beat the stage for vanity.

I suppose we all know by now about the new *New Statesman*. The rescuer of that dying magazine is Geoffrey Robinson, MP, who has put considerable sums into the *New Statesman*, in the hope — a good hope I would guess — of reviving the old mag under the editorship of Ian Hargreaves and turning it into a new one. Anyhow, browsing through the *New Statesman*, I found an article by one Michael Bogdanov, of whom I had never heard, but who from now on is to be called Old Boggars, for I discovered that Old Boggars was the immensely important and indeed absolutely necessary theatre director, who directs and directs and directs, day and night, and even chucks in a bit of designing for the designs.

Very well, very well, get on with it. I *do get on with it, for the whining* begins almost immediately.

The whining starts here? But why should there be any whining? Stop and think — who is the enemy? The whiners think well of themselves, but that is true of most of us. Where's the difference? Step forward those dreadful, evil, disgusting, loathsome and absolutely appalling people called critics. Ladies and gentlemen, the famous director Old Boggars has got a bad notice and the world must stop immediately and then go round the other way.

Now I have been a theatre critic three times, and each time I swore I would never do it again. (It took the third go to make it certain.) The first time was in the then *Daily Express*, and I was so young then that I thought I had died and gone to Heaven. For a time, my dear friend Robert Muller was the critic of the *Mail*, while I was at the *Express*, and at curtain-fall we pounded down to Fleet Street arm in arm, each to our respective desk, to beat the chopper, sometimes by only a few seconds. (Some wit called Bob and me "The Kosher butchers".) Robert quit early, but I went on to become a columnist as well as a critic. The *last* time I was a critic was very many years ago: I was the critic for *The Sunday Times*. I remained a columnist but handed on the baton, and now John Peters has it, poor devil.

I have digressed, but for a purpose. The purpose is to demonstrate to puffed-up, ignorant, whining Old Boggars that critics not only don't go about to ruin the lives of brilliant, immensely clever theatre directors, but actually have an entirely different job to do. When I started on Old Boggars's ghastly wailings, I said to myself — I should have put money on it — that Old Boggars would, somewhere in his dreadful prose, tell us that

> I would like our critics to undergo a course of practical theatre, the graft and grind of directing, to give them a better understanding of how theatre happens and and who is responsible for what.

And he truly believes that what is necessary for the critics is for them to see behind the curtain, *when the exact opposite is called for*.

Doesn't he even understand that what comes over the footlights (and yes, I do know that we don't have footlights now) has nothing to do with the backstage mechanics, however important those mechanics are?

The people who have paid money to see the play do not want to know what goes on behind the scenes, indeed most would shun an invitation — almost as much as they would shun Old Boggars's showing off with words and names like *Unterhaltungstheater* and Aristotle and Schlegel and Schopenhauer and even Robert Lepage, who is told off for "textual ineptitude". But Old Boggars truly makes himself an ass and an absurdity — it really is an absurdity — when he goes so far as to tell us that Peter Brook's immortal *Dream* was all rubbish. (Did he even see it?)

Now it is said that Old Boggars is a very good director. I would be the last to deny it, particularly as I am not at all certain what directoring actors is. Do they run about shouting "director that man this instant" or "you're getting your directoring in a twist"? But a man who can — and does — write this gibberish should go to his proper place in the theatre and stay there, *viz*, behind the curtain, preferably a very thick curtain. Hark:

> Life-art criticism is not a straight line but a triangle, with the critic at one apex, life and art in the others. If we were to draw an authorial triangle, the writer would occupy the same position in relation to life and art.

Now if you look at the page in any newspaper's theatre listings, and examine the list closely, you will see that roughly half the theatres are filled with musicals, and a considerable number of the non-musical plays have been in the same places for years on end — yes, and not just *The Mousetrap*. For instance, *Dial M for Murder*, *Don't Dress for Dinner*, *The Woman in Black*, *Blood Brothers*. And many of the plays that don't stay for years are themselves *oldies*. For instance, at the moment, we can see *The Cherry Orchard*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, *An Inspector Calls*, *An Ideal Husband*, *A Doll's House* and *When We Are Married*.

What does this mean? It means, at least to me, that the British theatre is in an appalling state, and Old Boggars should address himself to that state, rather than poncing around and beating his breast and implying that he is the greatest director of plays in the entire history of the world, bar none.

But let us apply ourselves to a rather different theme. There are, at the moment, a tiny, a very tiny, number of first-class new plays in London, where, after all, most of our theatre goes. Actually, at the moment, there is only one new truly first-class play going — the teasingly named *Art*, which is a stunningly brilliant and funny three-man story, which turns into something very tragically unfunny.

Let's have more good plays, eh, folks? But Old Boggars would say — scream, actually — that the excretory critics (I forgot to say that Old Boggars is one of those who think excretorily) would ruin the plays.

Well, they might. But would it matter very much? I do greatly enjoy the theatre, but I would not throw myself over a cliff if the theatre in Britain shrivelled up and died. After all, there is precious little left of it now, and there will be even less in a few more years. I said that our theatre is in an appalling state, and so it is, but the world will not stop spinning.

Sometimes I wake shuddering, and think that I am a theatre critic again, but I shake my locks and think of Old Boggars and I smile. And — I shall let you into the secret — I smile because Old Boggars doesn't.

Philip Howard

The best myths are always the ones that drag on

Mortals still need myths. But today's myths appear in *Hello!* rather than Homer. The Cinderella/Penelophon myth in which girl marries Prince (or Duke, or Gazza or some other imagined god) and then lives unhappily ever after, echoes stories as old as Danaë and Creusa (Penelophon was the beggarmaid whom King Cophetua married). The National Lottery will soon repeat *twice* a week the Midas/Aladdin myth that gold cannot buy you happiness. Vampires and werewolves are stock cinema topics, too.

Even the smart booksellers stack books about dragons, descended from Tolkien's Smarg, under the new fantasy genre practised by Terry Pratchett and his ilk. *Dragonheart*, in which Sean Connery gives the dragon a Morningside Scot-Nat growl as well as snorting fire from its nostril, is roaring through cinemas. Computer games and cartoons are infested with dragons. Boydell & Brewer, which publishes scholarly books of which some university presses would be proud, leads its autumn list with *Dragons: The Modern Infestation*. This is a brilliant piece of cod scholarship about the science of verminology (dragons), and it hints at the importance of dragons to Western culture. And in his inaugural lecture at Bristol University on Monday, Professor Richard Buxton discussed the modern prevalence of dragons.

And much else, of course, as one would expect from a young sage of mythology and our nearest native equivalent to Walter Burkert. For scholars, the scoop was Buxton's discovery that no fewer than 280 of the votive tablets at the Oracle of Dodona asked "Will we have children?" But it was naturally the dragons that caught the amateurs' attention. Why are we evidently still so interested in creatures which, with respect to Chinese New Year in Soho and Boydell & Brewer, never existed in the extreme acceptance of the word "exist"?

Lévi-Strauss, another who explored this no man's land of the imagination between the tame and the wild, said "monsters are good to think with". Richard Buxton defines a myth as a socially powerful traditional tale whose origin has been at least partially forgotten. The sort of stories he has in mind are the Judgment of Paris, the Garden of Eden, the Virgin Birth (*passim* in mythology, see *The Golden Bough*), and William Tell. And of course, in England, Robin Hood, who still inspires almost as many films and video games as dragons. Robin has become part of our *national* heritage. What a banal fate for the red-blooded Nottinghamshire hero, who took from the rich and gave to the poor, to be sat on by Virginia Bottomley.

Buxton's example of a classic modern myth is *Jurassic Park*. OK, so it was a crummy film, with brilliant special effects. But the children loved it. The acting by Richard Attenborough and the rest seemed to have been programmed by slow-motion computer animation, and it was a shame that the film-stars were not all eaten, including those odious children. But the dinosaur/dragon myth is compelling. Meat-eaters versus placid vegans, with volcanoes erupting doom in the background.

Like many good old myths, the dinosaur story has an end. After being Lords of the Earth for more than 150 million years, the dinosaurs were wiped out as a result of catastrophic environmental change at the so-called KT extinction event. Some ascribe the catastrophe of the dinosaurs to a meteorite, which lends the myth its ultimate X-factor, or perhaps *X-File* factor. There lies a modern myth.

Medical advances, for example in cryogenics, have raised the possibility of the indefinite prolongation of life. Genetic engineering is forcing us into a radical reconsideration of the boundary between nature and culture. The dinosaur myth explores anxieties about the boundaries between life and death, between nature and culture, about medicine and genetic engineering. Dragons entertain as well as they terrify, grown-ups as well as children, sophisticated children of the new millennium as well as of the Bronze Age.

Clever Hellenists such as Richard Buxton, while having one foot in the past, also have one foot in the present. Unless, of course, they are one-legged Hellenists.

Hard Labour

HEADS swivelled on Tuesday night as the Goldsmith clan turned up with Diana, Princess of Wales at Wiltons restaurant in Jermyn Street, an expensive fish joint, to wet the head of Jemima's baby, Sulaiman. Imran Khan was absent, having already returned to Pakistan.

Among diners in the restaurant who were craning for a glimpse of royalty as the entourage swept past to a private room was Peter Mandelson, a fey acquaintance of the Princess. In another corner was Alan Clark, languid diarist and former minister, who has clearly given up hope of becoming an MP again.

As the private party progressed, Sir James Goldsmith emerged into the main restaurant and invited Clark to join them, which he did for a short while. He also beckoned to Mandelson, giving rise to a crisis of conscience for the dapper Labour adviser.

A recent lunch with Baroness Thatcher was one thing, but to be seen consorting with Sir James, even though it would have meant meeting the Princess again, was beyond the pale. Mandelson quickly made clear to paparazzi in the cold outside that he would have nothing to do with Goldsmith and his cronies.

Bear baited

THE SECRETARY of State for Defence, Michael Portillo, has returned from a very important fact-finding visit to the former Soviet Union where he was able to put his Russian O-level to best use conversing with the army top brass.

It reminded him of an earlier visit to Nato, where a conversation with a Russian general took him by surprise.

The general growled at Portillo, and gravely asked him whether it was true that Nato operated on the basis of consensus; whether British soldiers were allowed to leave their bases for longer than a weekend; and whether they could go more than three miles from their bases when on leave. Portillo indicated that these were indeed the facts.

The general knitted his brows pensively and then leant forward. "Had we known all this," he boomed, "we would have invaded ten years ago."

THE TIMES DIARY

- *Overwhelmed by the impending visit of the Princess Royal recently, Homerton Hospital in Hackney paid her the highest possible compliment. Workmen were detailed to change the tearoom from the frightfully-named Gossip Corner to Café Royale — which is even worse.*

Bodywear

CAPRICE BOURRET, the American underwear model, has found a kind of fame in London that she never achieved back home. Sucked into a flesh-coloured catsuit, she was at the Ken and Barbie Childline fundraiser in a South Kensington restaurant, along with Tara, Tamara and Mr and Mrs Pat Cash.

Miss Bourret's evening, however, nearly ended in suffocation. At around midnight, she began to sweat, her breathing quickened and her sea-breeze cocktail wobbled precariously in her hand.

Fortunately, while the blazers around him were still oblivious to her plight, a nearby photographer spotted that she was in trouble, and willingly rushed over and unzipped her catsuit to halfway down her back. Relief. At last, she could breathe properly again. She even let out a giggle to celebrate.

Lord a-leaking

LORD MOTTISTONE took a ducking in the Lords debate the other day on water companies. The septuagenarian sailor, Conservative and godson of the Duke of Windsor informed Earl Ferrers of his domestic arrangements: "Is my noble friend aware," he asked, "that as a result of being metered for the past five or six years I pay around half the amount for my water that I did when it was rateable?"

Earl Ferrers: "My Lords, that is interesting. I suggest my noble friend applies the same technique to his whisky bottle."

Caprice: tight squeeze

Jaded palette

INNOCENT they may be to look at, but the paintings of Mick and Bianca Jagger's daughter Jade — who opened her first solo exhibition in a West End gallery last night — are by all accounts bursting with hidden meanings.

Critics have referred to "mandalas which exude mysticism, divinity and spiritual quintessence" in the fluttering paintings of butterflies. Jade herself talks of the "power of the painted image above an external theory of colour symbolism or prescribed forms laid down by Tantric priests in their search for spiritual ecstasy".

The fancy stuff is all lost on me, but there was a jolly party last night, attended by Mick and Bianca as well as by various designers. And someone remarked on the lavish use of gold leaf in her paintings: "She clearly isn't starving in a garret."

Jade Jagger, artiste

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THE WATCHDOG POODLE

A single currency needs Parliament's singular scrutiny

Stealth has been the handmaiden of European integration, and democracy its brake. The difficulties encountered in getting the Maastricht treaty through the British Parliament and past the French and Danish peoples tempered the centralising ambitions of Europe's governing elites for a time, but did not reform them. The bruises only reinforced the need to shield the forward march of federalism from scrutiny. It is unfortunate that the Prime Minister should now be an accomplice in this process. By deciding to prevent the Commons properly debating plans for monetary union, John Major is treating the watchdog of Parliament as a poodle. In doing so he has offended not only constitutional principle but most of his own backbenchers. Even by the most cynical standards of the Whip's Office the Prime Minister is in the wrong.

The regulations that Mr Major considers adequately investigated after an agitated hour in committee are not minor legislative changes which should only detain the attention of the obsessive. They are provisions for the operation of a European single currency with potentially devastating effects on Britain's prosperity and independence. He has resisted calls to rule out British participation in a single currency because he wants to maximise Britain's influence over its evolution. That is, in itself, prudent diplomacy. But if Mr Major wishes to maximise effective scrutiny of the single currency, he should surely allow Parliament to debate its development fully.

Mr Major argued recently in *The Times* that a single currency created on the wrong terms could be a "disaster" for Britain, even if the British Government had not joined, because of the effects on our main trading partners. Vital British interests are at stake in the form that the single currency will take. This issue should not be smuggled past MPs. The single currency deserves singular scrutiny.

It is not just concern for the health of those nations which do join a single currency, and their effect on Britain, which should concern Parliament. The regulations which Mr Major airily insists need no further scrutiny could, according to Martin Howe, QC, lead to a future British government, outside the single currency, being fined by the European Court for following an economic policy in the interests of its own citizens.

The draft regulation on surveillance of budgetary positions could require the British Government, even if outside a single currency, to provide details of its economic plans to show that progress is being made towards "convergence" with the euro. Britain would not be able to veto such a provision because the regulation has been framed under Article 103 of the Treaty of Rome, as amended by Maastricht, which allows content to be decided by qualified majority voting. If a future government then submitted budget plans which did not "converge" it could face a financial penalty. Under Articles 169 and 170 of the treaty, the British government could be fined by the European Court of Justice for running an economy that was too competitive relative to the Continent.

It is bad enough that Britain might be punished for protecting its citizens from a single currency. The attempt to deny Parliament the chance to scrutinise the possibility properly is insupportable. It is not good enough to say that Parliament will be able to decide on the merits of a single currency in future. There is every chance that these regulations could bind Britain even if it stands aloof. If the regulations are innocuous then the Government has nothing to fear. If they are as dangerous as Mr Howe fears then a debate is imperative, because the single currency opt-out, like the social chapter opt-out, will prove a paper shield. The Prime Minister should not only allow a debate, he should also speak in it, if he believes that the opt-out he fought so hard to secure is still a sure protection.

THE SPEAKER'S CORNER

In Clinton's new term Gingrich bids to be the come-back kid

With open reluctance in some quarters, Republicans in the House of Representatives have confirmed Newt Gingrich as their leader and Speaker in the Congress to come. The caution of his colleagues is understandable. Although a Republican House was re-elected for the first time since the Great Depression, many members suffered the fright of their political lives. Few could pretend that in most districts Mr Gingrich was anything other than a liability. Since the principled but ultimately unsuccessful struggle to force President Clinton into a balanced budget agreement 12 months ago, the Speaker has suffered continuous highly adverse public poll ratings.

Democrats and their supporters in the union movement exploited that negative standing effectively this year. Virtually all House Republicans were labelled as "Gingrich extremists". And, although more than 70 charges against him have already been dismissed, a special counsel is still investigating various allegations of ethical impropriety. Little wonder that a rather subdued Mr Gingrich has pledged a lower profile and less combative style over the next two years. It all seems a long way from the *Contract with America* and its barnstorming first hundred days.

Mr Gingrich is not finished yet. His party has backed him despite all these difficulties because of his enduring assets. He remains an inspiring visionary, a supreme political strategist, and the man most capable of bargaining between the various interests and egos among Republicans on Capitol Hill. There is no obvious alternative of similar quality. Unless there is real substance in the remaining ethical questions against him, he will remain at the helm. Nor does he need to be that defensive. While Mr Gingrich certainly overreached in both the scale of his programme and style of his pronouncements, Mr Clinton's second term gives him the opportunity to advance his agenda and remake his image.

Conservatism remains the dominant force within the American electorate. If Mr Clinton had not recognised that and swiftly adapted to it he would have lost office. The areas that Mr Gingrich will promote in the next Congress — eliminating the budget deficit, tax cuts, deregulation, smaller government, further welfare reform — are widely supported, even if he personally is not. Republicans are remarkably united, committed, and disciplined both in philosophical terms and in their votes on the House floor. This coherence will make the management of business somewhat easier for the Speaker than his slim 20-seat majority might suggest.

Mr Gingrich should also enjoy a better relationship with his colleagues in the Senate. Senate majority leader Trent Lott is now at least the equal of the Speaker: but that is no disaster. Mr Lott is much closer to Mr Gingrich in ideology than Senator Bob Dole ever was. The Senate over which Mr Lott presides has just witnessed both an increased Republican membership and a significant shift to the right within party ranks.

Mr Gingrich remains the enigma of American politics, alternating between the brilliant and the bizarre at breathtaking speed. If he disappeared from public life tomorrow he would still rank among the three most important Speakers of the century. If he proves capable of learning from his mistakes, then he can push forward a set of popular initiatives next year and dare the President to veto them. It would be dangerous folly for Democrats to underestimate him.

MISS WORLDLY

Who is to define obscenity in the land of the Kamasutra?

Not since the Trojan War has a beauty contest threatened such dire consequences. Sniffer dogs are patrolling the giant stadium, two all-women platoons of paramilitary police are on standby for snatch arrests, bomb squads are in place and police will form a ring of steel around the arena in Bangalore where Miss World will be crowned tomorrow. In recent years the contest has provoked catcalls, demonstrations and shrill denunciation by feminists protesting at this festival of the female form. But rarely has it threatened a general strike or the self-immolation by fire of activists.

The bemused organisers can be forgiven for wondering how the popular show, likely to attract an audience of two billion people, can have provoked such a furore. India is a country where entertainment is big business: its cinema industry is one of the largest in the world, its festivals, pageants and wedding extravaganzas are occasions for public display, exhibition and exuberance. India is anxious to become part of the international television world, showcase its diversity and demonstrate that it is a thoroughly modern society. Indeed, Indian women have on several occasions been the winners of previous competitions, profitably capitalising on their success.

The Miss World contest has also made gallant attempts to get away from its past: contestants have to demonstrate charm, intelligence, ambition and grace as well as an alluring figure. The most controversial section, the swimsuit parade, has already been held in the Seychelles, a setting where such kit is more suited to the landscape. As *The Times of India* noted yesterday, this is not a celebration of nudity or obscenity. And who is to define obscenity in the land of the *Kamasutra*? "Surely Indians are not so faint-hearted as to faint at the sight of a row of beauties parading in colourful, if somewhat abbreviated, costumes?"

But matters are not so simple. There is a distinct disenchantment in non-Western countries at being offered hand-me-down entertainment that has gone out of fashion in London, Paris, New York and Los Angeles. Some Indians have become resentful of the dominance of Western entertainment on their airwaves and screens. Hindu activists have denounced what they see as an insidious attempt by the West to undermine traditional values and subvert Indian morals. Many in the West would have some sympathy with this cultural assertiveness. And yet the first Indian kiss on celluloid dates back to the 1930s. India is a sufficiently diverse society to withstand a temporary influx of preening pulchritude. Miss World will be crowned tomorrow. But no one is obliged to worship at her court.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Some perspective on the tunnel fire

From Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Twickel (9th/12th Lancers, retd)

Sir, With the benefit of hindsight we are now being treated by many journalists to their superior concept of design, construction and operation of the Channel Tunnel (reports, November 19, 20, 21). If they had had their way we would still be squabbling over where to start digging.

The fact remains that the evacuation of the passengers from the tunnel was conducted with no loss of life and with best speed in a most successful operation. Of course lessons will be learnt and no doubt there will eventually be some modifications to equipment and procedures. Let us however not be drawn into unnecessary "knee-jerk" reactions.

Before the first bridge over the Severn Estuary was built British Railways operated a service for cars through the Severn Tunnel. Because passengers were separated from their cars and because of the bureaucratic and inflexible modus operandi of this now happily defunct body a journey which should have lasted 30 to 45 minutes took many hours with the result that hardly anyone used it and the operation lost money.

In Switzerland (a nation not exactly renowned for laid-back railway staff) cars are loaded onto railway flats, passengers stay in their cars and indeed could in theory stand on the flats outside their vehicles. For instance the Lötschberg tunnel has two railway tracks running in the same bore and there is no additional service tunnel. Yet the safety record there is excellent.

I have taken my car both through the Channel Tunnel and through Alpine tunnels. I am very happy with the present arrangements. I do not wish to travel in a different railway wagon from my car as this will add time and further inconvenience to my journey. I for one would rather put my trust into the team of engineers and businessmen who made this most remarkable engineering achievement possible than those who only think they know better.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER TWICKEL,
Tidmington Corner,
Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire.
November 21.

From Mr E. H. R. Fane

Sir, A ferry capsizes. Safety systems fail. Many people die. Ro-ro designs are questioned. An inquiry is initiated — but ro-ro ferries continue to operate.

A Channel Tunnel freight train catches fire. Main safety systems appear to operate. All people survive. Design is questioned. An inquiry will no doubt be initiated — but passenger services are suspended indefinitely until, according to the spokesman for Eurotunnel whom you quote today, "the safety authority has ensured that the safety of people is assured".

Is this fair?

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD FANE,
15 Kyrle Road, SW11.
November 21.

From Mr Christopher Jackson

Sir, In today's leader, "Nightmare scenario", you refer to Parliament being "told that tunnel services cannot be resumed until absolute safety can be guaranteed". But "absolute safety" does not exist in any form of transport. Ships sink, ferries overturn, trains, planes, cars, lorries and coaches crash. The history of transport is generally a record of increasing but never absolute safety.

As a former pilot, and as one who frequently uses both the tunnel and the ferries, this week's accident, which was without loss of life or serious injury, seems to me to prove that the tunnel services provide a safe mode of transport compared to most, and one which will become safer still as procedures rather than hardware are improved.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER JACKSON
(Conservative MEP,
Kent East, 1979-94),
8 Wellmeade Drive, Sevenoaks, Kent.
November 20.

Financial problems of Bar trainees

From Mr Michael Paget

Sir, With respect, Judge McCarthy (letter, November 15), when explaining the historical development of the relationship between a pupil and his or her self-employed pupilmaster, fails to place it in a modern context.

It is, of course, accepted that pupils acquire invaluable insight through this unique training, but the Bar as a whole must concern itself with the financial burdens on present-day pupils. Without reasonable awards high calibre but impecunious candidates will turn elsewhere. Surely for the Bar to have a flourishing future it must endeavour to recruit people who accurately reflect society, in all its diversity?

Yours,
MICHAEL PAGET
(Pupil barrister),
1 Harcourt Buildings,
Temple, EC4.

From Mr Matthew J. P. Roberts

Sir, As a second-six-months pupil I find Judge McCarthy's observations on pupillage ill-informed. The majority of people who undertake the Bar vocational course have done so in substantial debt from the high level of fees for Bar school (£5,500) and the cost of living in London. Most of those fortunate enough to obtain pupillage have an overdraft at the outset.

Judge McCarthy's suggestion that a trainee solicitor undertakes work of merit which deserves payment whilst those training at the Bar do not is untenable. Pupils are required to undertake many tasks ranging from research and doing large amounts of paperwork to becoming accustomed to court appearances. Whilst those training as solicitors have both a guaranteed salary and to some extent regularised hours, those in pupillage are required to work whatever hours are demanded of them, quite often for no reward.

The judge's suggestion that a pupil should remunerate his pupilmaster betrays a lack of understanding of the modern Bar. I am astounded that anyone could possibly believe that the Bar is so different from any other profession that it can justify denying a basic level of subsistence during the professional training stages. This is a problem that is acknowledged by both the Bar Council and the Inns of Court, who are striving to ameliorate such hardship.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. P. ROBERTS,
Verulam Chambers,
Verulam Street, WC1.
November 19.

Parlez-vous French?

From Mr Eric Dehn

Sir, I cannot agree with Susan Elkin ("Parlez-vous Franglais?", Education, November 15) when she claims that standards reached in foreign languages were higher in the good old days.

We learnt a language in the past, in my case some fifty years ago, in order to deceive an examiner rather than communicate, and emerged from school qualified but totally tongue-tied.

Grammar, of course, should not be ignored so long as it is linked to usage but there was an over-emphasis on the mastery of rules and a neglect of conversational fluency. Even as recently as the 1980s I taught a student who never made a mistake in writing; I felt frustrated with my red-ink pen permanently suspended, but he never said anything. I sent him to a family in France and the father wrote to me saying: "Never again send me a boy who keeps telling me I ought to have used the subjunctive."

Dictation, containing grammatical traps to catch the unwary, rarely used material that was relevant (why must that word always have a derogatory implication?). In my own distant schooldays I remember being subjected to a dictation telling me that a harassed beggar met an embarrassed pedlar gauging the symmetry of a lady's ankle in the cemetery.

A compromise between ancient and modern methods of teaching will not lead to a lowering of standards.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC DEHN,
5 Trelawney Road, Bristol.

From Mrs Chris Grovenor

Sir, I entirely agree with Susan Elkin about the contrast between the rigour of the O-level French course and the current GCSE version. Even more demanding were the language papers of the School Certificate examination which I took in 1943, with one exception; the oral examination was a joke.

I went on to take French in the Higher School Certificate and the S-level papers. I thoroughly enjoyed the extensive study of Molière and the classical tragedies, could read French with the same facility as English and translate passages of considerable grammatical complexity into French. However, I found that after the war when travel again became possible I could not, without much hesitation, ask for directions or order a meal, let alone hold a conversation.

Can we not devise language courses which combine intellectual discipline with conversational facility? One only has to hear Dutch or Scandinavian 15 to 16-year-olds speaking English to know that it is possible.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS GROVENOR,
11 The Quadrangle,
Kings End, Bicester, Oxfordshire.
November 16.

TV guidance

From Mr Paul Berry

Sir, As a parent, I have often wondered why the TV channels have not taken up the certification method used for films and videos, so it was interesting to see your report (World Summary, November 19) that French TV stations are now taking this route.

Our 9 o'clock watershed is a useless anachronism. Can the children watch the film we recorded last Christmas — what time was it on? And was it cleaned-up for early evening viewing? Is a documentary shown after 9pm because it is unsuitable for children, or because it has minority interest?

Everyone is familiar with the film certification system, and the criteria are quite clear. How much better if TV channels voluntarily applied a simple certificate to each programme. Programme-makers would make an explicit statement of their intended audience: for example, would the makers of *Casualty* expect their programme to be viewed by a child under 12? Every episode?

Yours faithfully,
P. A. BERRY,
12 Silverdale Road,
Bushey, Hertfordshire.

Island files

From Dr G. A. Howlett

Sir, Some 15 years ago the late Professor Richard Cobb gave a brilliant series of lectures on everyday life in occupied France. Being a humane and civilised man he would warn his listeners not to judge too harshly, from the privileged position of these uninvaded islands, the sad and shabby compromises with which many Frenchmen and Frenchwomen had adapted themselves to the new reality.

His words came back to me with a special poignancy when I read your report (November 20) on the release of previously secret files on the Channel Islands during the last war. While as a historian I applaud the availability of new evidence, I cannot help feeling that you were wrong to give prominence to the names of several alleged practitioners of *la collaboration horizontale* and other misdeeds. Many of the people involved are no doubt still alive, and apart from a taste for vicarious revenge and ritual humiliation I can see no reason to name them to a wide audience.

Yours faithfully,
GARETH HOWLETT,
16 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh.

Lottery watchdog

From the Director General of the National Lottery

Sir, I am writing to comment on Valerie Elliot's report, "Lottery watchdog rebuked by MPs for not checking Camelot" (November 14), and your leading article the following day, "His number is up".

As a public official I expect my actions to be scrutinised, reported in a reasonably balanced way, and criticised where justified on the basis of the facts. Your paper's reporting and comment is unbalanced and inaccurate, and (to quote your leading article) any "bad publicity that [my] continuance in office has engendered" has mainly been generated by successive instalments of *The Times*'s long-running criticism of me.

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is fully considering the National Audit Office (NAO) report *Payments to the National Lottery Distribution Fund* and the evidence that I gave to the PAC on November 13. Your comments, meanwhile are based on an inaccurate statement about what the NAO found; on selective quotation from the comments made by some members of the PAC at the hearing; and on criticism of the Government's long-standing approach to NAO access to private sector companies.

Nothing in the NAO report suggested that "only one of the 21 checks had been implemented". The NAO in fact said: "As at 31 October 1995, much work had been done on the development of the compliance work programme, but this work was not complete" and showed that 10 of the 21 programmes had been reported on. Work was in progress on others.

Furthermore, I made clear to the PAC that these checks are only part of the layers of control put in place by Oflot since the outset of the National Lottery. This programme is now fully in place. I would also remind you that the NAO's key finding was that all sums recorded as due to the Distribution Fund had been paid punctually and in full.

I made clear in my evidence to the PAC that although I have complete access myself to any Camelot information I need, and all this information is thus available to the NAO, I have no powers to require Camelot to open its books directly to the NAO. It is the Government's stated view that such direct access is neither appropriate or necessary.

Finally, the PAC was not concerned with unclaimed prize money, as your leader suggested. They questioned me about the amount by which the operator has fallen short of the prize target set year by year in the licence. As I explained to the committee, the reasons for this shortfall are to a large extent outside Camelot's control, and I am reviewing the matter to see whether a better system can be found.

The NAO report suggests that Camelot earned interest of £6 million on the shortfall. However, the good causes are £153 million richer to date as a result so, while the current system is not perfect, it has certainly benefited the good causes. Overall, they have benefited by £2.7 billion from the National Lottery.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DAVIS, Director General,
National Lottery,
2 Monck Street, SW1.
November 20.

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Budget appeal in aid of the family

From the Executive Director of CARE and others

Sir, If taxes are to be reduced in next week's Budget, should not the Chancellor's priority be to give help to those taxpayers who need it most?

In recent years the tax burden has swung markedly from single people without children onto married couples, particularly those where one partner stays at home to look after the children or elderly or dependent relatives. If income tax rates are cut again while tax allowances are increased (if at all) only in line with inflation, the main benefit will not be felt by families, many of whom are among the least well off.

The fragmentation of society, leading to poorer education and health standards and increased crime rates, has many causes: but the increasing disregard for marriage is certainly one of them. We believe that the most immediate and direct way of helping families by tax changes would be to increase the married couples allowance.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLIE COLCHESTER,
Executive Director, CARE.
†MICHAEL BOWEN,
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Southwark.
†JAMES HULLEN:,
Bishop of Hull,
DAVID COFFEY,
General Secretary, Baptist Union.
CLIVE CALVER,
General Director, Evangelical Alliance.
PAUL JINADU,
General Secretary,
Afro-Caribbean Evangelical Alliance.
c/o CARE (Christian Action
Research and Education),
53 Romney Street, SW1.
November 20.

Going to St Ives

From Mr Michael Knight

Sir, Anyone going to Cornwall with the seven wives in mind (leading article, November 18) may end up at the wrong place. St Ives, Cambridgeshire (near Huntingdon) has some claim to be the town mentioned in the rhyme.

The tenuous evidence for this is that St Ives, Cornwall, was spelt St Ies (no "v") until the 16th century and did not rhyme with "wives". The origin of the verse may predate the inclusion of a "v" in the Cornish name.

Yours etc,
MICHAEL KNIGHT,
Quay Court, Bull Lane,
St Ives, Cambridgeshire.
November 14.

Oxbridge blues

From Mr Tim Houghton and others

Sir, The annual graduate recruitment battle is upon us. As in every year since Henry II kindly set in motion the murder of Thomas à Becket — thus providing the impetus for the inception of those noble universities, Oxford and Cambridge — many of those tired and battered soldier scholars, retiring from the field without a job, are crying "Oxbridge bias!"

Oxford and its bastard child Cambridge (only kidding) are portrayed *ad nauseam* as bastions of privilege. In many ways this is quite the case. They provide a frighteningly effective education. The experience of alone defending an ill-conceived and fundamentally flawed essay against a tutor who is the intellectual equivalent of *HMS Dreadnought* is intensely valuable. It prepares one for almost anything.

However, the Oxbridge graduate earned this undeniably superb education. He or she was probably required to have attained distinction at A level. The Oxbridge interview can be harrowing: he or she will then have been made to work ferociously hard.

Our friends who were at other excellent universities are not made to feel guilty about their success. Why should Oxbridge graduates — who have, on average, extremely good academic credentials — be made to feel that they owe theirs to a sinister "Oxbridge bias"?

Yours faithfully,
TIM HOUGHTON
(Exeter College, Oxon, 1992-95),
BEN PILLING
(Lincoln College, Oxon, 1991-94),
JON HOUGH
(St Hugh's College, Oxon, 1991-95),
c/o 5b Natal Road,
Streatham Common, SW16.
November 19.

A Cambridge summer

From Dr M. J. Mitchinson

Sir, I think the champions of a longer summer term at Cambridge (report, November 15) must have been my younger colleagues.

In my undergraduate days, when priorities were different, it was common knowledge that the date of the end of the summer term was decided by the Jockey Club. They decided the date for Goodwood years ahead. Henley, in turn, had to be placed before Goodwood: clearly, term must end before Henley.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. MITCHINSON,
University of Cambridge,
Department of Pathology,
Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.
November 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 21: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Bedford Railway Station this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire (Mr Samuel Whitbread) and the Mayor, Borough of Bedford (Mr Apu Bagchi).

The Queen drove to Westbourne Centre, Westbourne Road, and was received by the Chairman, Queen's Park Partnership (Mr Thomas Wells).

Her Majesty toured the Centre, meeting some of those who use it, and opened the Nursery.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, afterwards opened Harrowden Middle School and was received by the Chairman of Governors (Councillor Tony Mitchell) and the Head Teacher (Mrs Cheryl Birkbeck).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the School, meeting pupils and staff.

The Queen, with The Duke of *Edinburgh, later honoured the* Mayor of the Borough of Bedford with her presence at Luncheon at the Corn Exchange.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this afternoon walked through St Paul's Square and Harpur Square, escorted by the Mayor.

The Queen afterwards opened Cygnet Wing, Bedford Hospital, was received by the Chairman, Bedford *Hospital NHS Trust (Mr Gilbert* Beazley) and viewed some of the wards in the Wing.

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, later opened the new Brigade Communications Centre, County Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Kempston, and was received by the County Fire Officer (Mr Peter Holland) and the Mayor of Kempston (Councillor Olga Wesley).

*The Duke of Edinburgh this morn*ing visited Bedford Sports and Hockey Club.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited E.F. Taylor plc.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

November 21: The Prince Edward, Trustee, this afternoon held a meeting of the Trustees Working Committee of *The Duke of Edinburgh's* Award International Foundation at Buckingham Palace. His Royal Highness, Chairman of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening attended a Dinner at the Savoy, London WC2.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 21: Lieutenant-Colonel J. Murray today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer *of the 3rd Battalion.*

Lieutenant-Colonel R. Riddell also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment).

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, was represented by Sir Alastair Aird at the Memorial Service for Mr *Gerald Darling, Admiralty Judge of* the Cinque Ports, which was held in the Temple Church, this evening.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 21: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, this morning received Lieutenant-Colonel Timothy Page upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Bryan Watters upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community and The Prince's Trust, this afternoon attended the launch of Gifts in Kind UK at St James's Palace.

The Prince of Wales later visited Lotus Cars Limited, Hethel, Norwich, toured the assembly line and engineering facility and met a number of employees.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 21: The Duke of Gloucester, President, NABC - Clubs for Young People, today visited Clubs in *the City of Bristol and Somerset and* was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Bristol (Mr Jay Tidmarsh) and Lady Gass (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset).

Royal engagements

Prince Edward, as chairman, will hold a meeting of the International Council of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association at Marlborough House, at 9.30; and will attend a council dinner at the Army and Navy Club, at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will attend a reception to launch *the* Crime Concern Services brochures and high crime neighbourhoods strategy, National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull, at 10.20.

Sir Ronald Leach

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Ronnie Leach will be held in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire in St Paul's Cathedral, London at 11.30am on Monday, January 20, 1997, followed by luncheon at Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane, London EC4.

Dr John Newton Agar

A memorial service for Dr John Newton Agar will be held on Saturday, November 30, at 2.30pm in Sidney Sussex College Chapel, Cambridge.

University news

Cambridge
Queens' College
Mr Murray J. Milgate has been elected to an Official Fellowship at Queens' College, from October 1.

Lectures

Royal Society
Professor Terence Jones, of the University Technology Centre, Oxford, delivered the 1996 Royal Society Esso Energy Award Lecture last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Dr Sir John Horlock, FRS, Treasurer of the Royal Society, was in the chair.

At a dinner held afterwards Ms *Mary Goldring was the guest* speaker. Dr Keith Taylor, Professor Michael Burdekin, FRS, and Dr Peter Warren, executive secretary of the society, were among *the guests.*

The Royal Fine Art Commission
Lord St John of Fawsley, the Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, presided at the Annual Lecture on Thursday, November 21, at 7 St James's Square given by Lord Chadlington entitled "The Lottery and the Arts: Where do we go from here?". The lecture was followed by a reception. Among those present were members of the Diplomatic Corps and both Houses of Parliament.

Service lecture

Royal Signals
Dr Mary Archer delivered the annual lecture to members and guests of the Royal Signals Institution last night at the Merchant Centre, London. Major-General *C.N. Last presided. Major-Gen*eral A.C. Birtwistle, Master of Signals, and Brigadier N.F. Wood, Signal Officer-in-Chief (Army) were also present.

Service dinners

The Queen's Royal Lancers
Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Lancers, presided at the *annual officers' dinner held last* night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Corps of Royal Engineers
General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a Corps of Royal Engineers guest night dinner held last night in Chatham. Sir Frederick Crawford, Mr Richard Mottram and Air Vice-Marshal Tim Jenner were among the guests.

RAF Strike Command
Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten received the guests at a dining in night held last night at RAF Strike Command, High Wycombe. Group Captain A.I.B. Beedie presided.

University of London Air Squadron
Air Vice-Marshal J.R. Day, Air Officer Commanding No 1 Group, and Professor Andrew Rutherford, Vice-Chancellor of London University, were the guests of honour at the University of London Air Squadron's annual dinner held last night at the squadron's town headquarters. Wing-Commander R.J.A. Powell, Squadron Commander, presided.

Dinners

Lord Jenkin of Roding
The Lord Chancellor was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held last night at the House of Lords by courtesy of Lord Jenkin of Roding, president of the club, who also spoke. Sir Roger Sims, MP, chairman, was in the chair.

Lincoln's Inn
Lord Justice Peter Gibson, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, and the Masters of the Bench entertained at dinner in hall last night it being *Grand Day of Michaelmas Term.* Among those present were:
The Earl of Limerick, the Right Rev Lord Runcie, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, Lord and Lady Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Hope of Craighead, Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lady Gibson, Sir Iain Glidewell, Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Carswell, Mr Justice Buxton, Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Sir Robin Butler, Miss Clare Francis, Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, (treasurer, Gray's Inn), Mr Richard Smethurst, Mr George Cawkwell, Professor Francis Reynolds, QC, Professor Jack Beatson, Mr John Holroyd, Miss Libby Purves and Captain P M Carver (under treasurer).

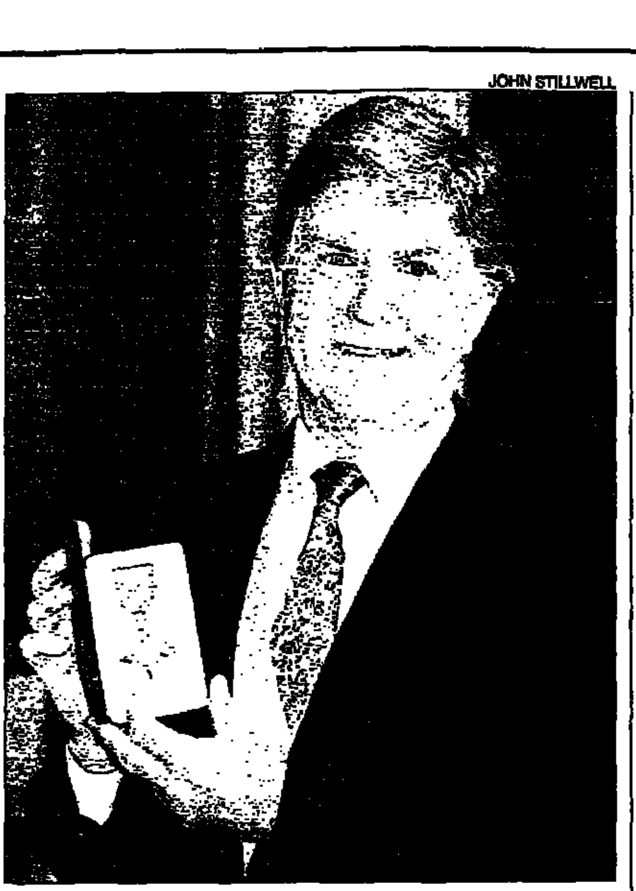
European-Atlantic Group
Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the European-Atlantic Group held *last night at the St Ermin's Hotel.* Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, president, was in the chair and Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald also spoke.

Chemical Industries Association
The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the annual dinner of the Chemical Industries Association held last night at Grosvenor House. Dr Manfred Schneider, Chairman of the Board of Management of Bayer AG, was the principal speaker. Dr Robin Paul, president of the association, and Dr Elliot Finer, director general, received the guests.

The Golf Match Club
A dinner was held last night at the Fishmongers' Hall to *mark* the centenary of the Golf Match Club. The Captain, Mr Christopher Palmer-Tomkinson, proposed the health of the guests who included *Mr T. Harvey Douglas, Captain of* the R & A, and representatives of many other golf clubs. Lord Griffiths responded on behalf of the guests.

***Institution of Mechanical* Engineers**
The Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) held its Annual Dinner at the London Hilton *on Park Lane last night. Mr Roy* Hattersley, MP, and Tom O'Connor were guest speakers. The President of IMechE, Professor Ernest Shannon, was in the Chair.

JOHN STILLWELL



The Wimbledon tennis referee, Alan Mills, who as a player *in 1961* was the first *Englishman* to beat the Australian champion Rod Laver, with the insignia of the OBE he received from the Prince of Wales at a Buckingham Palace investiture yesterday

Memorial services

Lord Killearn
The Lord Chancellor attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Killearn held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated and the Right Rev Simon Phipps led the prayers. Mr Alexander Bonsor, grandson, and Lord Killearn, half-brother, read the lessons. Major I.M. Calvocoressi gave an address.

Among others present were:
Nadine Lady Killearn (widow), the *Hon Mrs Meynell (daughter), Sir* Nicholas Bonsor, MP, and the Hon Lady Bonsor (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Hugo Meynell, Mr Alexander Meynell, Miss Sacha Bonsor, Mr James Bonsor, Miss Elizabeth Bonsor and Miss Mary Bonsor (grandchildren), Lady Killearn (half sister-in-law), Jacqueline Lady Killearn (stepmother), Major and Mrs R C H Pilcher (brother-in-law and sister-law), Miss Pamela Lampson, Miss Miranda Lampson, Mr Miles Lampson, Mr and Mrs Peter Monro, Mr and Mrs Jonathan Jameson, *Jessie, William and Georgia Jameson,* Mr Julian Gibbs, Mr and Mrs A D Pilcher, Mr and Mrs Robert Orlebar, Mr Petre Crowder, QC, and the Hon Mrs Crowder, the Rev Mark and Mrs Forster, Mr and Mrs W R O Holmes, Mr and Mrs J R Pilcher, Count and *Countess Andrei Tolstoy. Mrs B* Aumayr, Mr and Mrs G Cooke, Mme Phrantzer, Mrs Fenwick Keyser, Mrs Melly Johanson, Mrs Ursula Wadham.

The Duchess of Portland, the Earl of Clanwilliam, the Earl and Countess of Lauderdale, Major-General Lord *Michael Fitzalan Howard,* Viscount and Viscountess Davidson, Viscount Long, Viscount and Viscountess Montgomery of Alamein, Viscountess Slim, Lady Aberconway, Lord Aberdare, Lord Aldington, Lord Ampthill, Lord Ashbourne, Lord Beloff, FBA, Lord and Lady Blaker, Lord and Lady Brightman, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord Bruntisfield.

Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, and Lady Campbell, Lord Carrington, KG, CH, Lord Clark of Kempston, Lord Cornwallis, Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, Lord De Freyne, Lord Derwent, Lady Duncan-Sandys, Lord Gainford, Lord Grantchester, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Daphne Lady Hacking, Lady Hamilton of Dalzell, Lady Freyberg, Lord Harlech, Baroness Hooper, Lord Kilbracken, Lord Leigh, Lord Mottistone.

Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord Napier and Ettrick, Lady Northbourne, Lord and Lady Orr-Ewing, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Sandys, Baroness Sharples, Lord Shaughnessy, Lord Shuttleworth, Lord Strabolgi, *Baroness Strange, Lord and Lady* Terrington, Lady Thorneycroft, Baroness Trumpington, Lord and Lady Walton of Detchant, Lord Westbury, Lord and Lady Wilberforce.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lord and Lady Winford, Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, and Mrs Goodlad, the Hon Sir Archibald Hamilton, MP, Lady Elizabeth Hornsby, the Hon Mrs Sarah Baring, the Hon Mrs Vivian Baring, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Lady Dundas, the Hon Mrs J Grimstone, the Hon Mrs Doussa Hazlerigg, the Hon Mrs Parr, the Hon Sir Peter and Lady Ramsbotham, the Hon Mrs Roberts, Lady Baring, Sir Philip and Lady Duncombe.

Francis Lady Elliott of Stobs, Sir Harold and the Hon Lady Hood, Anne Lady Jaffray, Sir Ronald and Lady *Lindsay of Dowhill, Sir Anthony and* Lady Meyer, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Julian and Lady Paget, Sir William Peek, Sir Philip Adams, Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, General Sir David and Lady Fraser, Sir Stephen Hastings, General Sir Edward Jones (Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod).

Lady Legge-Bourke, Sir Gilbert Longden, Sir Carol and Lady Mather, Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles, Major-General Sir Digby Raeburn, Sir Brooks and Lady Richards, Lady Ross, Lady Rougier, *Lady Rowan, Lady (John) Russell, Lady* Tennant, Lady Villiers, Mr Neil Elles and Baroness Elles, Mr and the Hon Mrs Damon de Laszlo.

Baron Vaes, Mr A L Abrahams, Mr and Mrs David Bankes, Mr William Bell, Mrs Peter Blandy, Mr D V Bonsor, *Mr and Mrs Anthony Bonsor,* Mr and Mrs Richard Bonsor, Mr and Mrs Michael Bonsor, Miss Ann Bonsor, Mr Christopher Cadell, Mrs Colin Cadell, Mrs Penelope Cartwright, Mr James Crichton-Stuart, Mrs Patrick Crichton-Stuart, Mr and Mrs Gerard de Lisle, Mr and Mrs Piers Dixon, Mr Alex Dundas, Mr G Francis, Mr and Mrs Philip German-Ribon, Mr Charles Harding, Mr and Mrs William Harris.

Mrs Antony Hornyold, Mr and Mrs Henry James, Mr J J Kavanagh, Mr and Mrs John Keeling, Mr Elias J S Kulukundis, Mrs Derek Lawson, Miss *Victoria Legge-Bourke, Mrs D* McKenzie, Mr Rodney Morgan-Giles, Mr and Mrs P A Negretti, Colonel and Mrs A C Noel, Mrs Jemima Parmella, Mrs John Polk, Mrs Karla Raili, Major and Mrs Robert Rivers-Bulkeley, Mrs Eric Robinson, Mr Adrian Sassoon, *Mr and Mrs Hugh Sassoon, Mr and* Mrs James Sassoon, Major and Mrs William Seymour, Mr Richard Shepherd, MP, Mr David Steel, Mr J W C Swartz, Mr Michael Stern, MP, Mrs S Tamlyn, Mr Hugo Vickers, Mrs Timothy von Halle, Miss Katherine Wedderburn.

Captain and Mrs Ian Weston Smith, Mr Michael Davies (clerk assistant, House of Lords), Mr P W Budden (senior master, Wellesley House, Broadstairs, Kent), Mr C E Weston (Anglo-Thai Association), Major R E Whyte (Regimental Adjutant, also representing the Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, Scots Guards) with many other friends and colleagues.

Lieutenant-Colonel St John Brooke Johnson
The Lord Mayor attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant-Colonel St John Brooke Johnson, Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms to the Lord Mayor, 1970-1984 and Swordbearer 1984-87, held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall.

The Rev David Burgess, Guild *Vicar of St Lawrence Jewry,* officiated, assisted by the Rev Basil Watson. Field Marshal Sir John Stanier and Lord Denman read the lessons. Mr Richard Perry *gave an address. Members of the* family, representatives of St Edward's School, Oxford, the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot), *the Mansion House, the Fair*bridge Society, P & O and Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London were among those present.

Forthcoming marriages

M G.F.C.M. de Champvallier and Miss M.E.D. Cacciotti
The engagement is announced between Gilles, son of Michel and Françoise de Champvallier, of Paris, and Melissa, daughter of Adelmo Cacciotti, of Rome, and of Susan Cacciotti, of London.

Mr J.A. Farrer-Brown and Miss G.H. Cammish
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Geoffrey Farrer-Brown, of Radnage, Buckinghamshire, and Gaynor, daughter of Mr Nicholas Cammish, of Mapledurwell, Hampshire, and Mrs Teresa Cammish, of Cockfield, Suffolk.

Mr A.F. Goldstone and Miss K.P. Calman
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Dr Leslie Goldstone, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Stephen Frankiss, of Westminster and Haslemere, Surrey, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Calman, of Radlett, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.S. Guy and Miss K.M. Morkill
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Guy, of Wroxeter, Shropshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr Tom Morkill and Mrs Mary Jane Branch.

Mr O.W.A. Rock and Miss M.R. Leatham
The engagement is announced between Orlando William Adam, younger son of Mr and Mrs Tim Rock, and Miranda Rosemary, daughter of Mr Simon and Lady Victoria Leatham.

Mr J.M. Salt and Miss C.A.M. Cohen
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Salt, of Leigh-on-Sea, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Cohen, of London.

Colonel R.A.S. White and Mrs A.G.M. Maynard
The engagement is announced between Robert White, of South Wiltshire, and Tessa, widow of Adrian Maynard, of Wolverton, Hampshire.

Marriage

Lord William Compton and Mrs S. Langdale
The marriage took place on Thursday, November 21, in London, of Lord William Compton to Mrs Sarah Langdale.

The Atherley School, Southampton

The Church Schools Company has appointed Miss Anne Burrows to be the Head of The Atherley School in Southampton. Previously the Deputy Head and Director of *Curriculum* at St Paul's Girls' School, London, she will take up her position from January 1, 1997. The Atherley Senior School will move to a new site in September 1997 in 33 acres of grounds at Grove Place, Nursling, Southampton.

Festival of Austrian-Jewish Culture

Sir Sigmund Sternberg was the moderator at a symposium which *took place at the West London* Synagogue on Tuesday. Professor Allerhand, Mr George Clare, the Chief Rabbi of Austria, Mr Paul Hamburger, Mr Joseph Horovitz, *Mr Milein Cosman Keller and* Mr Leon Zilman were the speakers.

Luncheon

H M Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a *luncheon* given by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of Mr Josef Zieleniec, Foreign Minister of the Czech Republic.

Securities Institute

The Securities Institute Training and Qualifications Awards have been presented by Sir Martin Jacomb, Chairman, Prudential Corporation, at the Gibson Hall, London EC2.

Securities Institute 1996 Prize Winners
The Securities Institute Award for Excellence: Richard Jennings, BWD Rensburg
The London Stock Exchange Award for Special Achievement: Jonathan Wilcox, Cazenove
The Securities *Institute* Regional Award: Nicholas Lyall, Tilney
The ISMA Centre Bond and Fixed Interest Markets Award: Clive Smith
The IFMA Fund Management Award: Philip Morris, BZW Portfolio Management
The Investors Chronicle Interpretation of Financial Statements Award: Cameron Teague, Cazenove
The APCIMS Private Client Investment Advice and Management Award: Thomas Eyre, BWD Rensburg
The LIBA Corporate Finance Award: Mark Payne, KPMG
The LIFFE Financial Futures and Options Award: Simon Cochran, Abbey National Treasury Services
FT EXTEL Institutional Investment Advice Award: Alan Dixon, Neilson Cobbold
The Reuters Investment Analysis Award: Charles Cottam, Cazenove
The SFA Regulation and Compliance Award: Helen Holder, James Capel
The SIMA Operations Management Award: Margaret Hope, Stirling Hendry
The Securities Institute Investment Advice Certificate Award: Stephen Picksley, Coutts
The Clintec Merit Award:
First Prize: Marcus Boudville, C.U. Investment Management
Joint Second Prize: Daniel Colvill, Kleinwort Benson Investment Management, Rosalyn Penfold, Banque (Belge) Guernsey
The CrestCo Basic of Crest Award: Kevin Petley, Matheson Securities
The Autif Unit Trust Administration *Award: Phillip Jones, Thornton* Management
The Global Custodian Global Custody Award: Nicholas Taylor, Barclays Global Securities Services.

Winter 1995 diploma winners
Adam A D G (Cazenove); Adams M W; Adlington H M B (Fleming Private Asset Management); Baker T (The Securities & Investments Board); Baldock H C (Kleinwort Benson); Ballantyne S (Greig Middleton); Barbes G E (Arthur Andersen); Bedford H C (James Capel); Bell C H E (Cazenove); Bell J (Principal Investment Management); Bradbeer K E (Wise Speke); Broadbent R J R; Burniston N R (Greig Middleton); Burton M R D; Campbell-Johnston E W C (Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management); Chadderton R J (Fleming Private Asset Management); Chatfield C L (Kleinwort Benson Investment Management); Clivaz J; Cloves M P (Harris Allday Lea & Brooks); Colquhoun E J (Gerrard Vivian Gray); Connor N (Fleming Private Asset Management); Corbett A E R *(UBS); Cumming G A (Barclays* Stockbrokers); Davis N K (Kleinwort Benson Private Bank); Doughty A F (ABN Amro Hoare Govett); Dunn N L (Greig Middleton); Fairbairn J A (Fleming Private Asset Management); Flanagan J; Forsyth A; Foster S J T; Gedney B W (James Capel); Gerrard H C (Rathbone Bros); Gilroy M C (Barclays De Zoete Wedd); Haber J; Henry D (Lazard Brothers); Hervey J V (James Capel); Holder H (James Capel); Hope M T (Stirling Hendry); Jamieson N D; Kennett N P; Kerr R D (BWD Rensburg); Langley C A (Laurence Keen); Lee B J (UBS); Lee B J F (Yorkshare); Lewis P J (Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management); Loudon D (Redmayne Bentley Stockbrokers); Macdonald F (Greig Middleton); Marson G (Credit Suisse); McAdam R (BZW Portfolio Management); Meredith G (Charterhouse Tilney Securities); Moody S J (Greig Middleton); Muspratt S J; Nutbrown R J (Foreign & Colonial Management); Parker A B (Henry Cooke, Lumsden); Platerink G N (Kleinwort Benson); Potter R; Price E G M (Laing & *Cruickshank Investment* Management); Pritchard D J (Cazenove); Rodrigues P (Lucas Pensions Investment Management); Rothwell G C (Laing & Cruickshank); Slater C (Kleinwort Benson Securities); Smart A; Spencer J L (Killik); Studholme H W R (Gerrard Vivian Gray); Thornton A; Toner J P (Foreign & Colonial Management); Walton J; Watts M (Baring Asset Management); Wells A C (Merrill Lynch International); Wharton M J (Tilney); *Whyte M L; Wilkinson A M D (Bell* Lawrie White); Wight J (James Capel); Wilson M (Speirs & Jeffrey); Withers G W (Neilson Cobbold); Woodhead T H (Neilson Cobbold); Wylde C E (Neilson Cobbold).

Summer 1996 diploma winners
Ainley J R G (Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management); Bainbridge A; Barnes R D F; Barker A (Cazenove); Baucutt M J (Greig Middleton); Beckett S M F (Cazenove); Bewsher M C (Bell *Lawrie White); Blanquet B (Cazenove);* Brinson S M (HSBC Investment Bank); Brooks R C (Coutts & Co (Guernsey)); Burgess R J (HSBC Investment Bank); Carlisle J W H (Fleming Private Asset Management); Clifton I D S (Laurence Keen); Clivaz J G; Clough R D *(Cazenove); Coltman* A E W; Crader L L (HSBC Investment Bank); Cufflin E G; Dixon A W (Neilson Cobbold); Ebbins S J; Elliott R J (Kleinwort Benson Securities); Fairbourn A (Quilter); Finlayson R S (Greig Middleton); Fry L A (Cazenove); Gawn K J (SBC Warburg); Greenwood J E (Beeson Gregory); Greenwood J R (T R *Miller* (IOM)); Hailes C J; Hall-Smith J (Arthur Andersen); Hamilton-Shaw H (Cazenove); Hegarty D G (HSBC Investment Bank); Hilton P (Capel Cure Myers Capital Management); Hopewell S P (Hill Osborne); Howard *R P S (Charles Stanley); Hughes-*Penney R C (Laurence Keen); Jennings R S (BWD Rensburg); Jones A C (Albert E Sharp); Jones A L; Joshi A (AMP Asset Management).

Kennedy A; Le Sueur V J (Brewin Dolphin Bell Lawrie); Learmonth G J; *Lyall N (Tilney); Magnay C G* (UBS Services); Martin S W (Greig Middleton); Matchett E J (UBS Services); Maxwell-Snape H C L (Kleinwort Benson Investment Management); McLuskey A; McGlone A I (Quilter); Midilineos I A (UBS Services); Moran N J (Albert E Sharp); Morgan R (Gerrard Vivian Gray); Moseley I R (Brewin Dolphin Bell Lawrie); Mullin T (London Metal Exchange); Nash P R; Nicoll W (Cazenove); Orr C T (Tilney); O'Sullivan C (Sarasin Investment Management); Petryk J M; Quigley C (Bircham); *Popple S J; Robertson P A* (Thesis); Rose P S; Schellingerhout M (Barclays Personal Investment Management); Shan S J; Sheikh O F (Charles Stanley); Shone K S (Coutts); Stephens L J (Brewin Dolphin Bell Lawrie); Strong S M (Rea Brothers *(Investment Management)*); Tansley I (Tilney); Taylor M (Cazenove); Tomlin N S; Vaid S (Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management); Vernon S J; Vincent V (Coutts); Ward M J D (Kleinwort Benson Investment Management); Whitrow R W G (KPMG Corporate Finance); Wilcox J (Cazenove); Wright I (Touche Ross); Zaidi A A (BNP Capital Markets).

Reception

Oriel College
Oriel College held a reception in the Royal Armouries at the Tower of London last night to launch the Oriel History Foundation Appeal. The Provost, the Rev Professor Ernest Nicholson, proposed the toast to HM The Queen, the College's Visitor. Lord Dacre of Glanton, Patron, and past Regius Professor of Modern History, and Mr Jeffrey Bonas, Chairman of the Oriel College Development Trust, also spoke. Sir Michael Howard and Sir John Elliott, Patrons of the Appeal, and past and present Regius Professors of Modern History, Fellows of the College, and many Orielenses of all generations were present.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev M.E. Adie, former Bishop of Guildford, 67; the Rev Lord Beaumont of Whitley, 68; Mr Boris Becker, tennis player, 29; Mr John *Bird,* actor and writer, 60; *Ms Helen* Browning, organic farmer, 35; Mr Jon Cleary, novelist, 79; Mr Tom Conti, actor, 54; Miss Jamie Lee Curtis (Lady Haden-Guest), actress, 38; Mr Brian Dance, former Headmaster, St Dunstan's College, 67; Brigadier Hilary Dixon-Nuttall, former director, Army Nursing Services, 57; Mr Terry Gilliam, film animator, 56; Sir Peter Hall, director of plays, films and opera, 66; Mr Stephen Hough, concert pianist, 35; Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, FRS, physiologist, 79; Lord Iliffe, 52; Mrs Billie Jean King, tennis player, 53; Professor Sir *John Knill, geologist,* 62; *Mr Wayne* Larkins, cricketer, 43; Mr Neil McGrath, racehorse trainer, 40; Mr Peter McMaster, civil servant, 65; Mr John Newman, trade unionist, 65; Mr Justice Owen, 71; Mr R.M. Reeve, Head Master, King's College School, Wimbledon, 62; the Earl of Romney, 86; Mr H.A. Sweetbaum, chairman, Wickes, 59; Sir Michael Walker, diplomat, 80.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Cook, pioneer of travel agencies, Melbourne, Derbyshire, 1808; Charles de Gaulle, General, President of France 1958-69, Lille, 1890; Benjamin Britten, Baron Britten, composer, Lowestoft, 1913.

DEATHS: John Thadeus Delane, Editor of *The Times* 1841-77, Ascot, 1879; Sir Arthur Sullivan, composer, *London, 1900; Lorenz Hart,* song writer, New York, 1943; C.S. Lewis, writer, Oxford, 1963; Aldous Huxley, novelist, Los Angeles, 1963; John F. Kennedy, 35th American President 1961-63, assassinated, Dallas, 1963; Mae West, actress, Los Angeles, 1980.

Carpenters

Sir Michael Hopkins presented the Carpenters' Company prizes at the Building Crafts College prizegiving held last night at Carpenters' Hall. Prizes were also awarded to the winners of the national classes of the Institute of Carpenters, Carpenters Craft Competition. Mr F.D. Hornsby, Master, welcomed the guests.

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BIRTHS

BORODA - On November 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Jennifer (née Ross) and *David, a beautiful son. A* brother for Jessica.

BOYAJIAN - On November 18th at The Portland Hospital to Pamela and Mark a beautiful daughter Mary Melissa. A sister for Christopher and PJ.

COLEMAN - On November 13th at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, to Amanda (née Williams) and Charles, twins, Emma and James

CORRIE - On November 13th, to Louise (née Prince) and Richard, a daughter, Alice Lucinda McLeod, a sister for Georgina.

FENNER - On November 19th, to Katja (née Gorr) and James, a son, Edward, a brother for Victoria.

FLETCHER - On 18th November 1996, to William and Lulu, a son, Charles William Louis, a brother for Harry and Jamie.

HANNA - On November 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Taghrid and Raed, a beautiful daughter Mariam Josephine, a sister to Yousif.

JOLY - On November 16th, to Rose (née Scott) and Charles, a daughter, Allegra Emily Rose, a sister for Flora and Ben.

MACKINTOSH - On November 5th 1996, to Vivien (née Matthews) and Ken, a daughter, Serena Alice Amore, a sister *for* Alexander.

MACKINNON - On 17th November, to Marie-Pauline (née *Klecky*) and Donald, a son, James Charles Arthur Notti.

MARRIN - To John and Paquita (née de Zulueta) on 19th November, a *son,* Nicholas Arthur, brother to Natalia, Isabella and Caterina.

DEATHS

ACHONG - Bert Geoffrey M.B., BCH., B.A.O., F.F.P.R.C.P.I., M.D., D.S.C., F.R.C.Path. Quietly and with his usual great dignity on November 20th aged 67 years. A loving and much loved brother, uncle, companion and friend. Funeral Service followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 29th November at *1 pm. Memorial Mass and* scattering of ashes at a later date in Port of Spain, Trinidad, W.I. Further enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd., tel: (0181) 455-4992.

ATKEY - Colonel Ron F.I.W.M., F.I.Mgt., F.R.G.S. (ret'd) Royal Engineers. Died bravely on 19th November 1996. Former Deputy Director The *Ordinance Survey.* Devastating loss to his family and many friends. Requiem Mass Tuesday 26th November 1996 11.30 am St Dunstan's, Heathside Crescent, Woking, followed by cremation. Flowers to Co-operative Funeral Services, 11 Goldsworth Road, Woking. Donations to British Heart Foundation.

BLACKBURN - The Reverend Canon Donald, peacefully on November 20th 1996. The funeral will take place at St Garmons Church, *Llanfechain, Powys, on* Friday November 29th at 12 noon. Donations if desired to The Church Mission Society. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors L Jackson & Sons, tel: (01691) 648243.

BRISTOW - Nicholas Roger Lyell, Air Commodore RAF retired, on November 18th *peacefully at home after* much suffering borne with great courage. Beloved husband of Una and father of Clare, Jane, Robert and Edward. Much loved grandee of Anna, William, Victoria, Rosie, Tom and Katharine. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Andrew's Church, Old Cleeve, near Watchet, Somerset, on Monday December 9th at 11.30 am. No flowers please but donations to The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund would be appreciated and may be sent to F.H. Willicombe & Son, 8 *High* Street, Williton, Somerset.

BURTON - On November 19th 1996 Miss Mary Burton peacefully at home aged 97 years. Former teacher of Downe House School, near Newbury. Private cremation. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Chieveley, Newbury, on Tuesday December 3rd at 2.30 pm. Donations for R.S.P.B. may be sent to Camp Hopson F/D, *Northbrook Street, Newbury,* Berks. RG14 1DN, tel: (01635) 522210.

COOK - Phd on November 17th 1996. Professor Adrian Maxwell (Archie) aged 81 years. One time Dean of Health and Life Sciences, *University of Cardiff.* Husband of Kay. Cremation Private. Donations if desired for Alzheimers Disease Society may be sent to Harry Tomes Ltd. 'Barham House', Tower Road, Boscombe, BH1 4LA. (01202) 394340.

CUMMING - Doris Jean of Wootton Bridge, Isle of Wight, died peacefully in St Mary's Hospital, Newport on 19th November 1996. Funeral Service at the Isle of *Wight Crematorium on* Tuesday 26th November at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired in aid of Earl Mountbatten Hospice c/o Leather Weaver and Westmore Funeral Directors, 45 Upper St James Street, Newport, I.O.W. tel: (01983) 529090.

de BERTODANO - (Née Prodger) on November 17th peacefully at Royal Marsden Hospital Sutton, Lynn of Vines Cross, Sussex, aged 33 years. Dearly loved by all her family. Funeral Service on Tuesday November 26th at St Mary's Church, Newick, Sussex at 2 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations to Royal Marsden Hospital c/o P & S Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, West *Sussex RH16 4HW.* Tel: (01444) 451166.

DOWDESWELL - Professor Wilfrid H. of Melksham, Wiltshire, peacefully at home on 20th November 1996. Dearly loved husband of Marian and dear father of Alison, Diana and Colin. Funeral Service 12 noon Wednesday 27th November at St Michael's Church, Atworth, Melksham, Wiltshire. No flowers please *by request. Donations if* desired to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust c/o D.J. Bewley Funeral Directors, 49 Round Ponds, Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 8DW. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

EVANS - On Wednesday 20th November, Philip Herbert died peacefully at Southmead Hospital. *Beloved husband of Lucy,* father of Nicholas and Stephen, father-in-law of Elaine and Sarah and grandfather of Kim, Lucy and Kate. No flowers. Donations if wished to The Haematology Unit, Southmead Hospital to whom we express our appreciation for all their care and understanding. Funeral Service at Canford Crematorium on Wednesday 27th November at 11 am.

GARDNER - Brian Arthur on 17th November 1996, peacefully at the Royal Brompton National Heart and Lung Hospital, London, after a short unexpected illness. Dearly loved husband of Jean and devoted father of Emma and Lucy. Will be greatly missed by family and friends. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Furze Platt, at 11 am on Wednesday 27th November. Donations if desired to The *British Heart Foundation,* 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH. Flowers and enquiries to Pymm & Hooper Funeral Directors, 65-67 Moorbridge Road, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 8LT. Tel: (01628) 23822.

GILPIN - On Monday 18th November at Penrith New Hospital, Robert Bernard of Brough, Cumbria. Beloved son of the late Richard and Florence Gilpin, aged 71 years. Funeral Service will take place at 2 pm today, Friday 22nd November at Carlisle Crematorium. In lieu of flowers if so desired, donations to Penrith and Carlisle Hospitals may be sent c/o Davidson Brothers, High Street, Brough, Kirby Stephen, Cumbria.

HALL - Jonathan, of Brighton, Schoolmaster at Eagle *House School, Sandhurst,* Camberley, Surrey, died on Sunday 17th November at school. Funeral 1.45 pm Monday 25th November at St Michael's Church, Sandhurst, followed by cremation. Memorial Service January 11th 1997 at Wellington College, Crowthorne. Jonathan's wide-spread family would be delighted if contributions were made to the Jonathan Hall Memorial Fund at Eagle House.

HEFFER - On November 19th Stephen John aged 48 years. Dear son of John and Bunty of Dry Drayton, Cambridge, and brother of Richard and James. Funeral Service at St John's Wood Church (Lord's Roundabout) London NW8 on Tuesday November 26th *at 12 noon. Family flowers* only. Donations, if desired, to The Artists' General Benevolent Institution, Burlington House, London W1. A service of thanksgiving for his life will be arranged in Cambridge at a later date.

HOBBS - On 19th November 1996, peacefully in hospital, Mary (née Adams), in her 81st year. Widow of the late Ernest Hobbs and mother of Anne and Christopher. Any donations to The Leukaemia Unit at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Southwick Hill Road, Cosham, *Portsmouth* (Cheques to F4 Trust Fund).

JEPSON - Ada, on November 16th aged 95, to the end the constant core of her family. Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Weedon Methodist Church, Weedon, Aylesbury, Bucks. at 11.45 am Tuesday, November 26th. F/D - K.Y. Green, tel: (01296) 82041.

KEMPE - On November 20th 1996 at Regent House Nursing Home, Hove, Mary, aged 83 years. Widow of Donald, loving mother of Anne and Richard, and grandmother of Christopher, John, Tamsin, Samantha and Philippa. Service on Thursday November 28th 1996 at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, at 11.45 am. Family flowers only, donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation c/o Attree & Kent Ltd., 108 Church Road, Hove, BN3 2EB. Tel: (01273) 821985.

KOLTHOFF/MARSHALL - Margaret, aged 85. On 16th November after a long illness. Funeral on 27th November, 11.15 am at St Peter's Church, Woodford *New Road, London E17.* Further details F/D tel: (0181) 539-3412.

LAING - Olivia (née Salew) died peacefully on November 20th 1996. Wife of the late Major Ian Laing, 16th Light Cavalry, Indian Army. Will be sadly missed by her daughters Moira and Marjorie, their families and friends. No flowers please but donations if desired to *Marie Curie c/o Stevens,* Goodburn & Spawton, Melton Mowbray, tel: (01664) 481201.

MARNHAM - Hilary, on November 19th, peacefully *at home.* Devoted wife of the late Harold Marnham QC, much loved mother and mother-in-law of Andrew and Elizabeth, Charles and Tricia and beloved grandmother of Katie, Rachel, Clare and Sophie. Funeral Service at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, on Friday 29th November at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Community Nursing Care Fund, c/o The Surgery, Market Place, Halesworth, Suffolk.

McDOWELL - Elizabeth, beloved wife of Rev'd Charles McDowell on 20th November 1996 at Warwick Hospital. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent for Asthma Society to John Taylor Funeral Service, 178 Warwick Road, Kenilworth.

NEENAN - Marian (née Fearn) born 21st February 1898 died at her home at Nynehead Court, Somerset, 19th November. Widow of Pat and mother of Katharine.

MONTGOMERY - Peacefully on November 20th 1996, Mortimer (Monty) Montgomery MBE. Funeral Mass at St Thomas More R.C. Church, Marlborough, on Thursday 28th November at 11.45 am. No flowers. Donations for East Wiltshire Health Care, Oak Unit, Savernake, c/o T. Free & Sons, The Parade, Marlborough, Wilts. SN8 1NE.

NICHOLSON - Suddenly on November 19th Michael Burrows aged 61 years. Dearly loved husband of *Helen, much loved son of* Dora, loving father of Mark, Emma, Sophie and Louise and dear grandpa to Carl. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Long Marston, York on Monday November 25th at 1 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to the British Heart Foundation (York Branch) c/o Midland Bank, 13 Parliament Street, York YO1 1SS.

PHILLIPS - The Revd. W.U. Maundy, 1, St Paul's Court Llandaff Cardiff. Peacefully on November 20th aged 85 years, beloved husband of Mabel. *Devoted father of* Michael, Mary and the late David, much loved grandfather, brother and father-in-law. To be received into Llandaff Cathedral on Monday, November 25th at 6.30 pm. Requiem Mass Tuesday, November 26th at 1 pm (Clergy may robe) followed by cremation at Thornhill. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent to Renal Research Unit c/o Sister Mary Loveridge, Ward B5, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

ROBERTS - On November 18th 1996 peacefully at Southport, Annie Rowena Davies aged 74 years. Beloved wife of Donald, loving mother of David, Andrew and his wife Lorraine and devoted Nana to Charlotte, Helena and Katie. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday November 25th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Enquiries *(01704) 565694.*

SEMPLE - Isla (née Hartley) died peacefully near Bala on November 20th. Wife of the late Robert (Bob) and mother of Alan and Jane. Funeral private.

RANDALL - Gwendoline Sybil (née Webber), peacefully on 16th November 1996 at Kingston Hospital after a long illness. Beloved wife of Denis, devoted mother to Rosalind and Trevor, mother-in-law of June and Martyn, much loved grandmother of Carmel, Olivia, Andrew and Alexander and great-*grandmother of Corrina. The* funeral service will be held at St Mark's Church, Surbiton, on Monday 25th November at 10.15 am, followed by a Service of Committal at 11 am at Kingston Crematorium, Bonner Hill Road, Kingston-upon-Thames. Flowers, or donations if desired, for 'Age Concern', may be sent to Fredk. Paine, 265 Ewell Road, Surbiton, tel: (0181) 399-2060.

SEYMOUR COOPER - Ann, died as she lived a true star on November 20th at Princess Royal Hospital, Hull. Wife of the late Colonel Cooper of Elloughton, much loved mother of Jane and Charlie. Thanksgiving Service at St Helen's Church, Welton, on Thursday 28th November at 11.30 am preceded by a private cremation. *No* flowers by request. Donations if desired to the Still Ward Endowment Fund at Princess Royal Hospital, Hull, HU8 9HE.

SLOAN - J.B. (Jack), bravely and peacefully on November 20th, beloved husband of Joy and devoted father to Penny and John and grandfather to Gemma and Adam. Funeral Service will be held at Poole Crematorium on Wednesday November 27th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Friends of Forest Holme may *be sent to Mews Funeral* Directors, 3 Bournemouth Road, Parkstone, Poole, tel: (01202) 741169.

STEER - Father Samuel John, died peacefully on 17th *November 1996,* aged 88 years in the loving care of the Sisters at Nazareth House, East Finchley. Much loved by his family and all who knew him. Requiem 11am, Thursday 28th November at Church of St Monica, Palmers Green N13 followed by interment at St Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green. Donations please to Sisters of Nazareth, 162 East End Road, N2 0RU.

SIMPSON - On 19th November, after a short illness, Dr. Esther Simpson, O.B.E., Légion d'Honneur, Oesterreichische Ehrenkreuz für Wissenschaft und Kunst, Hon. LLD. (Leeds), Hon. LLD. (London), Hon. M.R.C.P., a beloved aunt to Vivian and Julia and great-aunt to Rebecca and Judith, for many years Assistant Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Science and Learning and the Society for Visiting Scientists. A tireless worker for the oppressed. Thanks to staff at the Royal Free Hospital. There will be no funeral ceremony at Dr. Simpson's own request.

TUDDENHAM - Anne, on November 6th peacefully at her daughter's home after a long illness, showed immense courage and strength of spirit during her last and difficult year. Loved wife of Trevor and beloved mother of Melanie and *Nik.*

VARLOW - On 19th November, in Pembury Hospital after a short illness, Kenneth Wells (Ken) aged 81. Cremation on Friday 29th *November* at 12 noon at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Flowers to E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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PROFESSOR HUGO BUCHTHAL

Professor Hugo Buchthal, FBA, art historian, died on November 10 aged 87. He was born on August 11, 1909.

An authority on the history of both Byzantine and Western medieval art, Hugo uchthal was a scholar whose rk, if not intended for a ler public, was in its factual our to provide a fundamen- l source of reference for all her specialists in his field. Committed to the austere tradition of German art historians, he was drawn to his somewhat abstruse and neglected field of research at an early age and remained dedicated to it throughout his life.

His finest work, *Miniature Painting in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem* (1957), was a model of its kind, bringing palaeographical and liturgical analysis to bear on meticulous visual examination of the miniatures.

The cultural interchange between East and West was a persistent theme of Buchthal's work and provided the subject matter for several other publications. But he also wrote books both on the French and Italian manuscripts of the roy Romance (*Historia roiana*, 1971) as well as on Byzantine painting of a later period (*Patronage in 13th Century Constantinople* with H. Belting, 1978).

Possessed of an extraordinary memory, Buchthal — though he worked whenever possible from original sources — could recall manuscripts he had looked at from almost any period of his life. Much of his research was centred around the Warburg Institute, which he served as librarian for some eight years while also lecturing at the Courtauld Institute. Later, as Professor of Fine Arts at the New York Institute of Fine Arts, he moulded the minds of future generations of art historians, passing on his own rigorous methods of strict historical and visual analysis.

Hugo Buchthal was born in Berlin into a cultured and financially comfortable Jewish family. He read philosophy and art history at the Sorbonne before going on to study for a doctorate at Heidelberg University. There he was held in thrall by two of the most inspiring minds in his field: Erwin Panofsky, then Professor of Art History, and Fritz Saxl, director of the Warburg Institute — then known as the Kulturwissenshaftliche Bibliothek Warburg.

His academic career would probably have progressed unhindered in Germany had the Nazis not come to power and immediately set about implementing their policy of the removal of Jews from all levels of German society. Jewish university teachers were peremptorily dismissed in the summer of 1933 and Buchthal was warned by Saxl that if he could not finish his dissertation within two weeks it was unlikely that he would be able to continue, for the Warburg Institute in which his research was centred was likely to be closed before the new academic year began.

Astoundingly, Buchthal completed his thesis on the Paris Psalter in time, though he was later to expand and revise what he had done, publishing it in 1938 in the *Studies of the Warburg Institute*. It remains a basic reference point for scholars of Byzantine art.

Foreseeing the damage which a Nazi regime would cause to scholarship in Germany, Saxl, with the financial support of Samuel Courtauld — who had recently founded the Courtauld Institute — arranged for the Warburg library to be shipped to London. There it became a focal point for Germany's dispossesed and exiled cultural élite, among them Buchthal.

But the library offered at first no regular jobs for junior staff. Buchthal, with the aid of a grant, studied Arabic instead at the School of Oriental and African Studies before taking up a fellowship from 1936 to 1937 at the University of Beirut. He made himself equally familiar with medieval Latin, Greek and Arabic manuscripts, and on his return to London he was in demand as a lecturer at the Courtauld.

The Warburg was evacuated to Denham on the outbreak of the Second World War and in 1941 Buchthal was appointed its librarian. Later, when the war was over and the Courtauld Institute was incorporated into the University of London, he combined this position with a lectureship in art history. Among the doctoral students whom he supervised at this time was Michael Kauffmann, later to become the director of the Courtauld. In 1949 Buchthal was promoted to Reader and in 1960 appointed to a Chair. He was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1959.

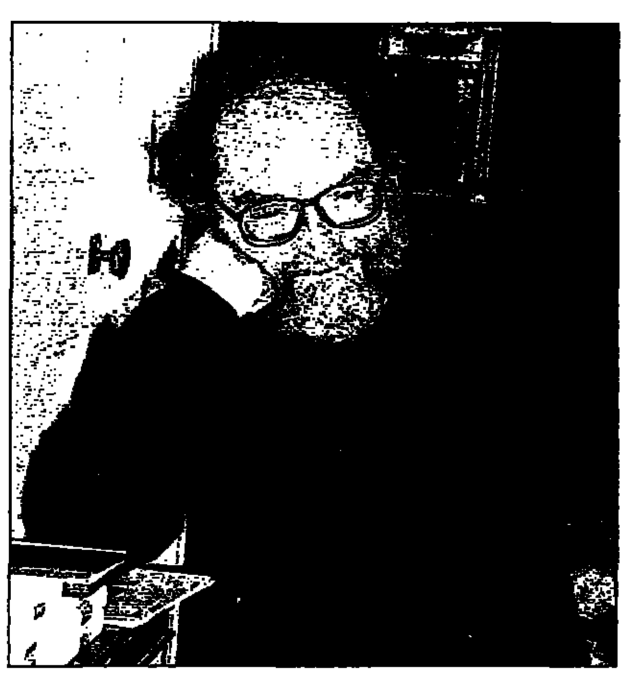
It was in 1965 that Buchthal was lured to live in New York with the offer of a professorship at the then thriving centre of medieval studies at the New York Institute of Fine Arts. There he found himself enormously sought-after as a lecturer and he, in his turn, groomed his best students so that today they fill many of the most senior academic posts in America. Buchthal also lectured regularly, travelling all over the world.

On his retirement in 1975 Buchthal returned to live in London, but continued to travel widely and to research at the Warburg until into his eighties. Although he would sometimes humorously describe his later publications as his *senilia*, he was a man of the highest integrity who ceased publishing when he thought his work would no longer pass the strictest scrutiny.

Hugo Buchthal married in 1940 Amalia Serkin. She died a week after him. He is survived by a daughter.

ALEXANDER KELLY

Alexander Kelly, pianist and teacher, died after a stroke on October 23 aged 67. He was born on June 30, 1929.



NOT many teachers of Alexander Kelly's generation could match the influence he exerted. He gave a lifetime of service to the Royal Academy of Music, but his reputation was by no means confined to that single institution. As well as teaching the piano, he pursued an active and varied career as a performer, and was a regular and effective adjudicator of competitions and examinations.

Alexander Kelly's talent as a musician was first discovered by his Scottish primary schoolteacher, and he was only 17 when he won a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music, where his teachers included Harold Craxton for piano and Lennox Berkeley for composition. In 1960 he returned to the Academy as a professor of piano. He went on to spend 34 years on the staff, eight of them (from 1984 to 1992) as head of keyboard studies.

As a pianist, he maintained an active career both as a soloist and a chamber musician. He made his Festival Hall debut playing C. P.E. Bach under Beecham, and gave solo recitals at the Wigmore Hall and the Edinburgh Festival. He appeared with many distinguished performers, but his favourite duo partner was always his wife, the cellist Margaret Moncrieff.

The Classical period was Kelly's great enthusiasm, but he was also an effective advocate for contemporary composers. In recent years he recorded some fascinating English repertoire for the British Music Society and played a number of broadcast recitals for Classic FM, for which he provided his own spoken introductions — witty, memorable and succinct.

Throughout his career he also served on innumerable juries, most recently for the Scottish International Piano Competition and as chairman of the Music Advisory Committee of the Caird Trustees.

He combined a capacity to judge at the highest level with an exceptional gift for inspiring young musicians of all abilities.

He was never interested in devoting himself only to the outstandingly talented. A glance at his diary for the past year reveals a number of appointments with distinguished soloists seeking his advice before performances of the major concerto repertoire on the South Bank; but these sit alongside consultation lessons for students from schools all over Britain, who came to play to him their Grade VIII repertoire before facing the rigours of the examination. All received equal attention, and an equal share of his boundless energy and formidable musical knowledge.

He had the great gift for a teacher of being able to distinguish between the important and the trivial, and he could sum up a battery of points in a single well-turned sentence. Always kind and encouraging to the timid, he could be formidably direct to the arrogant or the ill-prepared, though even then his nature was such that a smile was seldom far away. He was generous with his time and his hospitality. Pupils who came for lessons to his house in Barnes often found themselves on the receiving end not only of teaching and tea, but of food and philosophy as well.

Unlike many distinguished piano teachers, Kelly was willing to embrace new developments in keyboard design and manufacture. He had a close relationship with the firm of Yamaha and often demonstrated its Clavinova range of electronic pianos side-by-side with 9ft concert grands. In the piano industry, as throughout the musical profession, his gift for friendship made him a popular figure.

His love of words was second only to his love of music. He cared deeply about poetry and published a small volume of his own poems under the title *Visitations* in 1986. Some of these celebrate music and teaching, others his long spiritual journey towards the Roman Catholic faith into which he was received in 1979. More often than not, as he travelled on the No 9 bus from Barnes to the Academy, he would have with him a book of poetry — sometimes Greek verse in the original. His intellectual curiosity remained undimmed after his retirement.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

KENNETH WATKINS

th Watkins, OBE, er of the Woodland Trust, died on November 13 aged 86. He was born on December 6, 1909.

WITH the rise of industrial farming techniques in the 1960s, the small woods, copses and spinneys which for generations have characterised the British countryside were rapidly vanishing, felled and ploughed over to make way for more convenient agricultural management. It was this which led Kenneth Watkins, at a time when many would be looking forward to a peaceful retirement, to found the Woodland Trust, an organisation prepared to take responsibility for the ownership and management of these fast disappearing woodlands.

Run on an entirely voluntary basis for its first five years, the Woodland Trust has now grown into a national conservation body owning and protecting more than 800 broad-leaved woods across Britain. As chairman of the trust for some 21 years Watkins guided its work, encouraging unobtrusive styles of woodland management.

Kenneth Watkins was born in suburban Bromley and educated at Merchant Taylors' School in London. But he had always had an interest in rural life and in the late 1920s he moved to Exmoor as a farm pupil. There he found himself contented, not least because he had suffered from breathing problems in the polluted urban environment. He and his brother bought neighbouring properties which they farmed together for some years before going on also to establish a business selling tractors.

The business was successful, expanding considerably during the Second World War when there was an urgent need for agricultural machinery and vehicles. It continued to prosper when the war was over and Watkins began importing agricultural machinery, such as Volvo combine harvesters from Sweden. By the time the business was sold so that the two brothers could retire in 1972 it had become one of the largest importers of agricultural equipment in Britain.

However, parallel with his business commitments, Watkins had always taken a strong interest in conservation and wildlife. He became honorary secretary of the Devon Naturalists Trust in the 1960s, a position which he held for more than ten years and for which he was appointed MBE in 1971.

He was a keen wildlife photographer and won prizes for his work. His short film, *A Naturalist's Year*, won a Ciné World prize in 1960. In complete contrast, Watkins also enjoyed racing Formula 500 sports cars and competed all over the country.

Watkins founded the Woodland Trust in 1972, supporting it substantially from his own resources during its early years as a voluntary organisation based in the West Country. He launched the national expansion of the trust through the appointment in 1977 of a national development officer, John James, now the trust's chief executive, and he pursuaded the Countryside Commission that the trust should become the second organisation, after the National Trust, to receive a grant for land purchase.

In 1985 he donated 233 acres of his farm to the Woodland Trust and, in 1989, he was advanced to OBE for his services to conservation. The British Naturalists Association presented him with the Sir Peter Scott Memorial Award last year, shortly after he had been succeeded as chairman of the trust by a long-standing colleague.

Yet despite the vigour and determination of his campaign for conservation, Watkins was a shy and modest man who shunned self-publicity and eschewed the limelight. He loved English country life and even in his eighties, despite breathing difficulties which had dogged him since childhood, he could be found walking the woods.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1959. They had no children.

ALEXANDER D'ARBELOFF

Alexander d'Arbeloff, entrepreneur and writer, died in London on October 30 aged 101. He was born in Koutais, Georgia, on October 21, 1895.

ALEXANDER D'ARBELOFF was descended from Georgian princes, military officers who had been granted their title by Imperial Russian decree in 1736. But although he lived in Russia for the first 25 years of his life — being educated first in Baku, then at the universities of Rostov and Moscow before serving as assistant to the Governor in Baku — in 1920 he and his relatives fled from the political turmoil of their native land. From then on, his life was to be one of entrepreneurial adventure.

D'Arbeloff first settled in Paris where he became interested in the burgeoning motion picture industry. In 1924, with the backing of an American heiress, he formed a company, Rodina (Russian for fatherland), later renamed Société Générale de Films (SGF) when his cousin Jacques Grinieff became involved. Grinieff, who had left Russia together with the d'Arbeloffs, was closely associated with Abel Gance, whose legendary film *Napoleon* he nurtured and acquired for the SGF.

Eventually resigning from his position as president of the company, d'Arbeloff moved into other spheres. He wrote two novels under the pseudonym Alexandre Darlaine and created a magazine of current affairs, *Audace*, which pioneered innovative techniques of photomontage.

However, being of restless disposition, d'Arbeloff began looking towards broader horizons. His next bold plan was achieved through a combination of chance, research, intuition and imagination. Studying a map of South America, he noted that the tiny, landlocked country of Paraguay had no outlets. What it needed, he realised, was a major road to connect it to Brazil. Ignoring any doubts or such practical considerations as the fact that he did not speak Spanish, d'Arbeloff set off alone for Asunción where he soon convinced President Eusebio that the road was a necessity and that he, d'Arbeloff, was capable of organising its construction.

In 1936 d'Arbeloff, together with his wife Blanche, their two small daughters and all the furnishings of their Paris home, including a grand piano, set sail for a new life in Paraguay. The road project began and, despite a temporary interruption when the President was killed in a plane crash and replaced by another unsympathetic to the scheme, was eventually completed.

D'Arbeloff and his family moved to the United States where in due course they were granted American citizenship. But he continued to travel, often to Brazil where he initiated other major development projects. During the war, he worked in the administration of a New York shipbuilding company.

Throughout his life d'Arbeloff's entrepreneurial enthusiasms ran parallel to a more thoughtful side of his personality. In later years it was this latter aspect which came to the fore. He published a book, *The Word Accomplished*, under the pseudonym A. B. Christopher in 1951. And in 1953 he directed, with his daughter Anne, an experiment in international understanding called Contrastland. In a villa in Florence, students from different nations were introduced to each other and to an understanding of one another's cultures.

Under the title *Who Do You Think You Are?* he conducted a series of filmed interviews with several well-known personalities including Françoise Sagan, Gipsy Rose Lee and Art Buchwald, though this was, in the end, never released. But his short film, *Report on Love* a comic view of the Kinsey report using animation, won him an award at the Cannes Film Festival.

For the last 15 years of his life d'Arbeloff lived in London.

He is survived by his wife Blanche and by two daughters and a son.

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The news that Anthony Blunt, the eminent art historian, had been a Soviet agent was revealed by the Prime Minister in the Commons on November 15. Five days later he gave interviews to The Times *and* The Guardian *to the (understandable) annoyance of the rest of the Press. He died in 1983.*

BLUNT CASE 'KNOWN AT NO 10 SINCE 1967'

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent

WESTMINSTER

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, told a packed House of Commons yesterday that information Professor Anthony Blunt passed to Russian intelligence had seriously damaged British interests, although it was unlikely that British military operations or lives had been put at risk.

The debate ended without a vote and there were no serious calls for a public inquiry.

Opening the debate on the events surrounding the activities of the self-confessed spy, Mrs Thatcher disclosed that, in spite of denials by Professor Blunt about his role in warning Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean in 1951 when they were about to be arrested, he did indeed help with the arrangements for their escape to Russia.

The Prime Minister said it was Philby who warned Burgess to tell Maclean that he was about to be interrogated and that it was Burgess who used Blunt as a contact with a Soviet controller to help with the arrangements for Maclean's flight to Russia. He was joined in that flight by Burgess.

It seems clear also from Mrs Thatcher's speech that the Queen was informed in 1964, after Blunt had confesssed to espionage. Mrs Thatcher said after the Attorney-General's authority was given to offer immunity to Blunt, the Queen's Private Secretary, Sir Michael Adeane, was invited to a meeting with the permanent secretary at the Home Office and the director-general of the Security Services.

Sir Michael was told that Blunt was suspected of being an agent of Russian intelligence. He asked what action the Queen was advised to take, and was told that the advice was to take no action.

Later the Attorney-General told the House that there could be no straight answer about the advice of the security service. It was a long-standing tradition, he said, that all communications between the Queen and her private secretary were confidential and must remain so.

Both Mrs Thatcher and Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Home Secretary, who opened for the Opposition, spoke of their disgust at what had taken place and of their belief that there could be no excuse of conscience for treachery.

Earlier Mrs Thatcher told MPs that all Prime Ministers and Home Secretaries since 1967 had been informed about Professor Blunt; that would include Sir Harold Wilson, Mr Heath and Mr Callaghan.

Few of those listening to Mrs Thatcher could have avoided the conclusion that her clear but dramatic account of the events leading to the revelations of the past few weeks left little unanswered and that the directives to the security services, the law officers and other ministers have been thoroughly reviewed so that future prime ministers are unlikely to be bypassed as was Lord Home in 1964. Even the most suspicious of MPs must have been satisfied that here was no attempt to provide any sort of Establishment cover-up . . .

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Major faces revolt over EU debate

■ John Major was facing one of the biggest European revolts of his premiership as pro-Europeans united with Euro-sceptics to protest against his refusal to allow a Commons debate on the single currency.

Leaders of the backbench 1922 Committee were seeking an early meeting with the Prime Minister after he resisted demands for a full-scale discussion on three directives relating to economic and monetary union.......................................Page 1

Job agency boss helps Labour

■ The chairman of Reed Executive, the employment agency, was named as the Labour party's latest big business donor. Labour officials told *The Times* that Alec Reed was giving the party £100,000, lifting to £6 million the total it has raised in individual gifts from business people................................ Page 1

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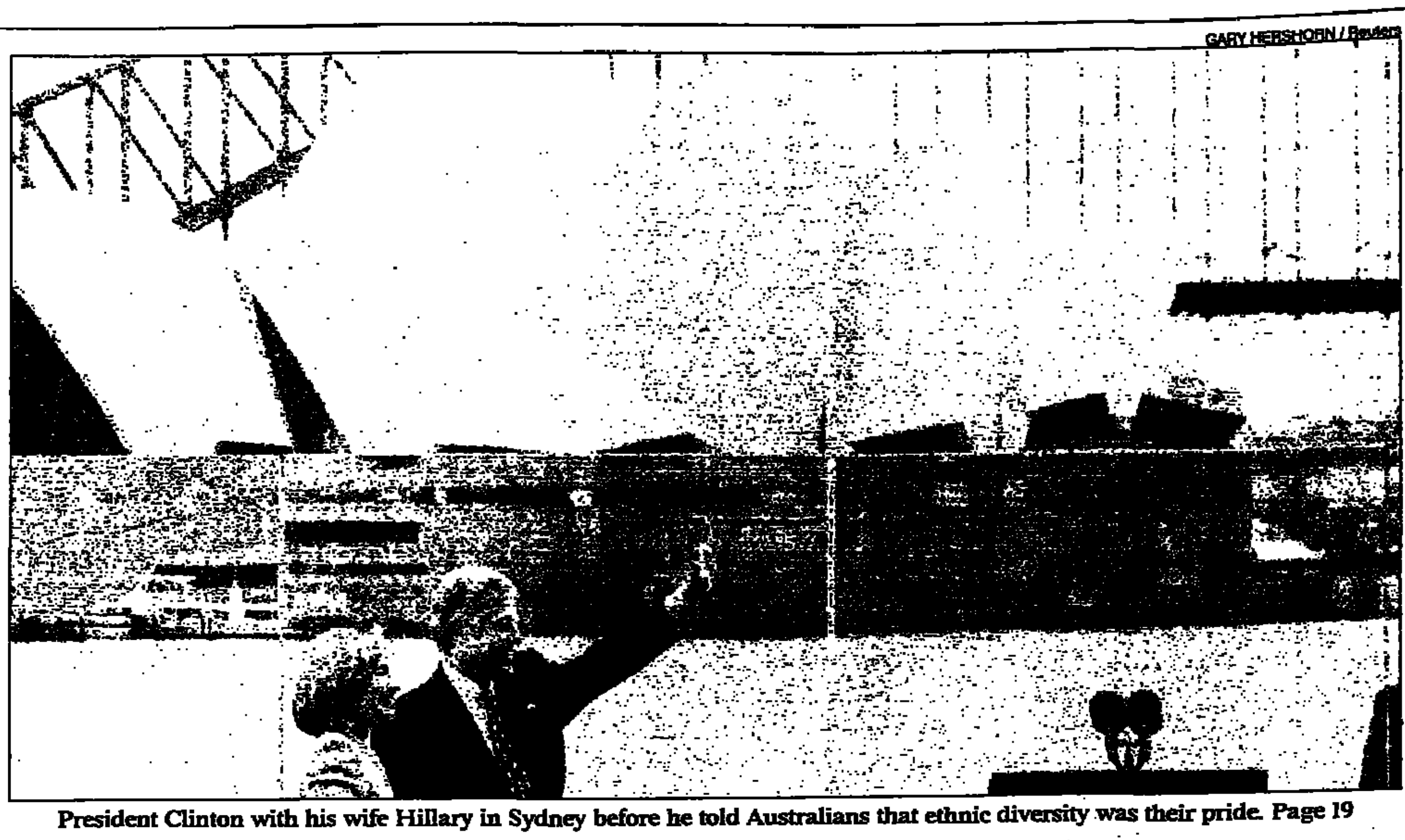

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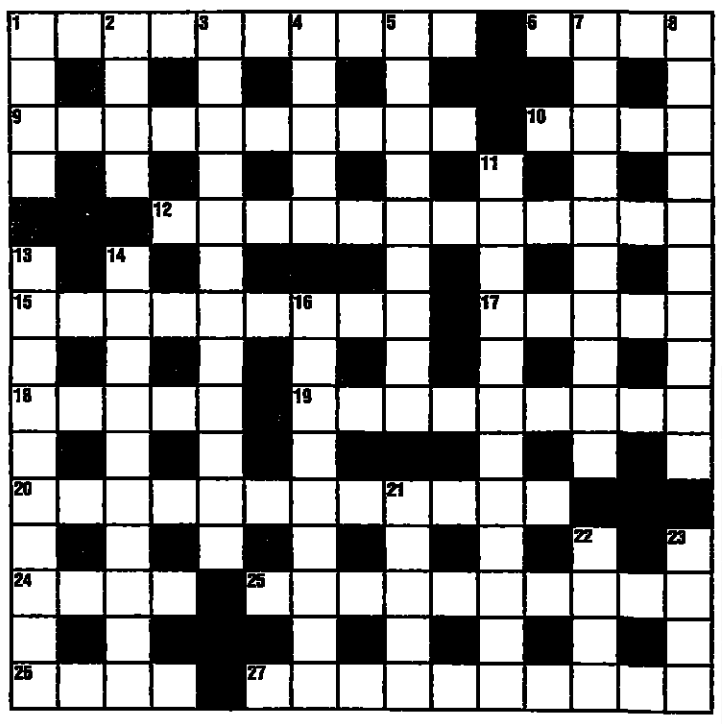

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17 Bottle opener – vessel requires it (5).
18 Superior poet (5).
19 Follow-up to bill without a balance (9).
20 Passing an oral – it isn't complicated (12).
24 A lot of water gets state backing (4).
25 African hell home to a Scot (10).
26 Suitable presents, you might say, for this flirtatious female (4).
27 Being smart and good-looking (10).

DOWN

1 Employed and unemployed seem equally depressed at first sight (4).
2 A record's range (4).
3 Where light may be located, in secret (5,3,4).
4 Bore taking drink with leading journalist (5).
5 English intimate support for community and its environment (9).
7 Give way about revision of rating scale (10).
8 Troubled lad we care about, tired of life (5-5).
11 Check noise of birds from Norway, perhaps (12).
13 Saw report on heroin, and article, accepted by yearly meeting (9).
14 In a manner of speaking, assimilating a clue (10).
16 Cross one river both ways on board (9).
21 Haven provided by American organisation on island (5).
22 In speech, depict member (4).
23 Bet poet's lost some money in the past (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,331

W	H	O	O	P	S	■	A	S	P	I	R	I	N	G
A	■	P	■	A	■	F	■	T	■	R	■	S	■	U
I	M	P	A	S	S	E	■	O	D	O	R	O	U	S
S	■	R	■	T	■	T	■	O	■	N	■	L	■	T
T	E	E	T	O	T	A	L	L	Y	■	H	A	L	O
L	■	S	■	R	■	■	■	B	■	S	■	T	■	■
I	N	S	T	A	N	T	■	A	C	T	R	E	S	S
N	■	■	■	L	■	O	■	L	■	A	■	■	■	T
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■	■	I	■	Y	■	D	■	■	■	L	■	E	■	G
C	R	O	W	■	C	R	A	D	L	E	S	O	N	G
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M	■	N	■	A	■	E	■	K	■	O	■	N	■	E
B	U	T	C	H	E	R	S	■	F	R	I	E	N	D

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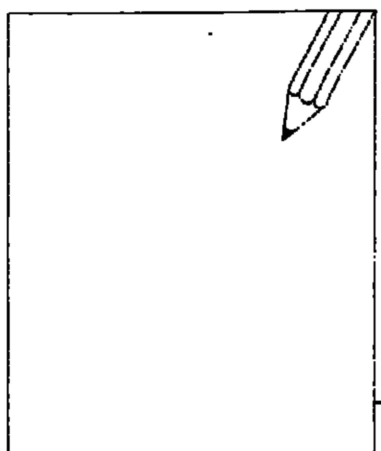
HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.31 am
Sun sets: 4 03 pm
Moon sets 4.01 am
Moon rises 2.58 pm

Full moon November 25

London 4 03 pm to 7 32 am
Bristol 4 12 pm to 7 42 am
Edinburgh 3 54 pm to 8 06 am
Manchester 4 02 pm to 7 49 am
Penzance 4 30 pm to 7 48 am



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FORECAST

☐ **General:** central and eastern parts of England will begin dry with sunny spells but showers affecting northern England will spread to most parts later. Western England and Wales will have sunny spells and showers, wintry in places.

Northern Scotland will have frequent, heavy wintry showers. Central and southeastern parts will be mostly dry with sunny spells. Southwest Scotland and Northern Ireland will have sunny spells and wintry showers.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles:** mostly dry *and sunny but wintry showers later.* Wind southwest light to moderate becoming moderate to fresh. Cold. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **E England, Central N, NE England:** sunny spells and showers. Wind southwest mostly moderate turning northwest later. Cold. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **SW England:** sunny spells and showers. Wind southwest moderate, turning westerly. Cold. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland:** sunny spells and showers. Wind west to southwest. Cold. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands:** sunny periods and isolated sleet or snow showers. Cold. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** frequent wintry showers. Wind moderate to fresh locally strong northwesterly. Cold. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook:** wintry showers in the north and along coasts, mostly sunny elsewhere.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

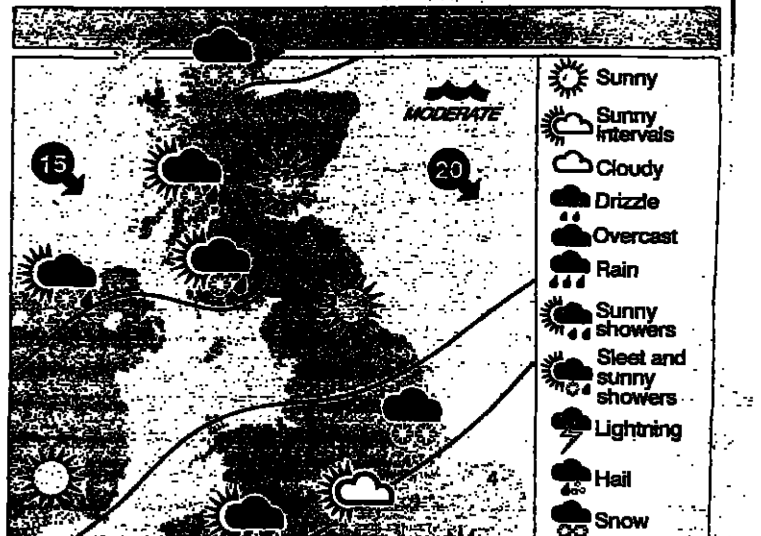
	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X				
Anglesey	6.1	0.20	8	46	s
Aspatria	5.8	-	6	43	s
Aviemore	-	0.03	1	34	c
Belfast	7.3	0.01	4	39	s
Bognor R	8.2	-	5	41	s
Bournem'th	8.0	-	8	46	s
Bristol	7.7	-	9	48	s
Cardiff	8.0	0.01	8	46	s
Clacton	7.5	-	5	41	s
Colwyn Bay	6.5	0.02	9	48	s
Cromer	6.3	0.15	5	41	s
Eastbourne	7.4	-	6	43	s
Edinburgh	0.1	0.68	3	37	sn
Exmouth	7.1	0.02	7	45	s
Falmouth	3.3	-	8	46	s
Fishguard	6.9	0.05	7	45	s
Folkestone	7.0	-	7	45	s
Glasgow	2.6	0.01	7	45	sh
Guernsey	3.1	0.05	9	48	c
Hastings	7.2	-	7	45	s
Hove	5.7	-	7	46	s
Hunstanton	7.1	-	5	41	s
Isle of Man	7.0	0.28	7	45	s
Jersey	0.6	0.03	7	45	b
Leeds	6.4	-	6	43	s

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Lerwick	2.1	0.18	2	36	sn
Littlehmptn	5.7	-	6	43	s
London	7.6	-	7	45	s
Lowestoft	6.0	0.11	4	39	s
Manchester	6.7	0.01	7	45	s
Margate	6.5	0.01	6	43	s
Minehead	8.0	0.02	8	46	s
Newcastle	4.3	0.02	5	41	s
Norwich	6.7	0.07	5	41	s
Poole	7.4	-	6	43	s
Ross-o-wye	7.4	-	7	45	s
[illegible]	7.7	-	6	43	s
[illegible]	7.2	-	10	50	s
[illegible]	5.2	0.13	3	37	s
[illegible]	6.5	-	7	45	s
[illegible]	7.0	-	5	41	s
[illegible]	6.9	0.01	8	46	s
[illegible]	7.8	-	7	45	s
[illegible]	0.9	0.02	2	36	sn
[illegible]	6.7	0.01	8	46	s
[illegible]	6.9	0.01	8	46	s
[illegible]	6.3	0.02	8	46	s
[illegible]	8.2	-	8	46	s
[illegible]	6.5	-	9	48	s
[illegible]	8.1	-	5	41	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	13	55	c	C'phagn	6	43	f	Malaga	21	70	f	S Paulo	20	68	r
Akrotiri	23	73	f	Dublin	4	39	s	Malta	19	66	s	Salzburg	7	45	f
Alex'dria	24	75	f	Dubrovnik	14	57	c	Melb'rne	15	59	c	Santiago	30	86	s
Algiers	20	68	s	Faro	18	64	c	Mexico C	20	68	s	Seoul	9	48	r
Amst'dm	7	45	c	Florence	12	54	r	Miami	27	81	s	Sing'por	27	81	t
Athens	20	68	s	Frankfurt	7	45	c	Milan	9	48	f	St'kholm	4	39	c
B Aires	30	86	f	Funchal	20	68	c	Montreal	2	36	fg	Strasb'rg	7	45	r
Bahrain	27	81	s	Geneva	7	45	r	Moscow	4	39	c	Sydney	22	72	s
Bangkok	29	84	f	Gibraltar	16	61	c	Munich	5	41	r	Tangier	17	63	c
Barbados	29	84	c	Helsinki	6	43	c	N Delhi	23	73	s	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Barcelona	17	63	s	Hong K	23	73	f	N York	6	43	s	Tenerife	23	73	s
Beirut	22	72	f	Innsbrck	9	48	f	Nairobi	20	68	f	Tokyo	9	48	r
Belgrade	18	64	s	Istanbul	18	64	f	Naples	17	63	c	Toronto	-3	27	s
Berlin	6	43	f	Jeddah	25	77	s	Nice	13	55	s	Tunis	21	70	s
Bermuda	22	72	f	Jo'burg	X			Oslo	1	34	sn	Valencia	17	63	f
Biarritz	12	54	f	Karachi	X			Paris	7	45	r	Vanc'ver	-2	28	c
Borde'x	12	54	f	L Angels	18	64	c	Peking	10	50	s	Venice	10	50	f
Brussels	5	41	r	L Palmas	22	72	f	Perth	29	84	s	Vienna	10	50	c
Budapst	13	55	s	Le Touqt	8	46	f	Prague	3	37	r	Warsaw	11	52	s
Cairo	23	73	f	Lisbon	17	63	f	Reykjavik	-7	19	s	Wash'ton	9	48	f
Cape Tn	X			Locarno	5	41	c	Rhodes	20	68	s	Well'ngton	17	63	-
Ch'church	X			Luxembg	3	37	r	Rio de J	22	72	f	Zurich	8	46	f
Chicago	1	34	f	Luxor	28	82	s	Riyadh	24	75	s				
Cologne	8	46	f	Madrid	12	54	c	Rome	15	59	r				
Corfu	17	63	r	Majorca	18	64	f	S Fr'isco	13	55	fg				

Temperatures at midday local time on Wednesday. X = not available



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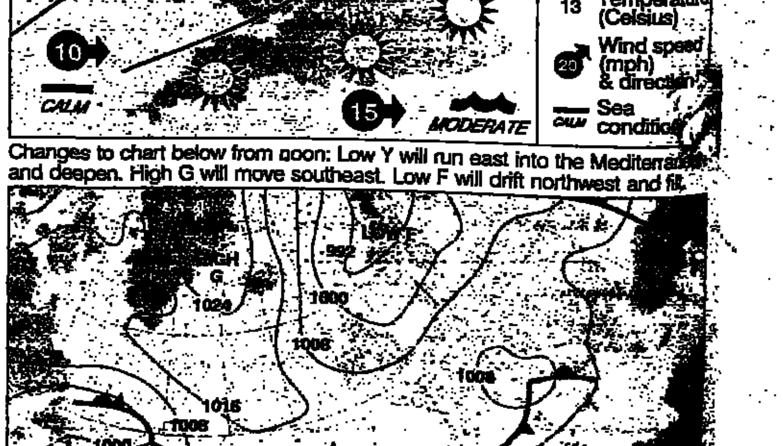

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11:10	6.8	11:44	7.2
Aberdeen	11:14	4.1	11:22	4.1
Avonmouth	4:33	11.9	4:59	12.5
Belfast	8:42	3.4	9:01	3.5
Cardiff	4:17	11.3	4:44	11.7
Devonport	3:12	5.0	3:32	5.2
Dover	8:41	6.3	9:17	6.3
Dublin (N Wall)	9:26	4.0	9:36	4.0
Falmouth	2:35	4.7	2:56	5.0
Greenock	10:16	3.3	10:36	3.5
Harwich	9:01	3.7	9:38	3.9
Holyhead	8:02	5.3	8:15	5.5
Hull (Albert D)	3:18	7.2	4:04	7.2
Ilfracombe	3:27	8.4	3:53	8.8
King's Lynn	3:32	6.3	4:06	6.3

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith			[illegible]	[illegible]
Liverpool	8:48	8.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lowestoft	6:38	2.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
Margate	9:27	4.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milford Haven	3:44	6.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newquay	2:33	6.2	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oban	3:33	3.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penzance	2:09	6.1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Portland	4:07	1.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
Portsmouth	8:52	4.8	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shoreham	8:54	5.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
Southampton	8:19	4.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swansea	3:48	8.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tees	0:48	5.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walton-on-Naze	9:01	4.0	[illegible]	[illegible]

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon, 10C (50F); lowest day max: [illegible] -1C (30F); highest rainfall: Edinburgh, 0.68in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, [illegible]

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